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Ramallah moderate shot by PLO agents

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The PLO yesterday claimed responsibility for the attempted assassination of Yusef al-Khatib, chairman of the Ramallah district village league. Al-Khatib was ambushed yesterday morning by two unidentified gunmen who seriously wounded him in the head and killed his 23-year-old son, Khazem, who was in the car with him.

The military government spokesman said that the attempt "was part of the effort by the PLO over the past two months and especially the past two weeks to bring about a general uprising in the population. Once they realized that they had failed, they turned to violence," he said, recalling previous assassinations in Ramallah and Gaza.

Khatib, 50, was shot twice at close range with a pistol at the intersection of the Beitunya-Ein Arik road. He was on his way from his home in the village of Ba'in to his office in Ramallah. He was first treated at the Ramallah hospital and then transferred to Hadassah Ein Karem.

A military spokesman said last night that no arrest had yet been made nor had a curfew been imposed on the surrounding villages.

The attack, the single most violent incident in the past two weeks of increasingly widespread and escalating unrest in the West Bank, was clearly aimed at one of the main elements of the military government's attempts to counter the influence of the PLO in the territories. The village leagues have been created, actively sponsored and funded by the military government and bitterly attacked by the PLO and some of its supporters in the area.

Responsibility for the attack was claimed by the PLO in an official announcement released in Beirut yesterday. The communique said that Khatib and his son were attacked for "treasonous collaboration with the enemy."

Khatib, mukhtar of his village and chairman of a number of local agricultural cooperative societies, was appointed chairman of the Ramallah village league on its formation in December last year.

The creation of village leagues is



A wreath is placed yesterday on Anwar Sadat's grave at tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Cairo by President Yitzhak Navon and his wife Ofira.

Mubarak accepts Navon's invitation to visit Israel

By JEFFREY HELLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — President Yitzhak Navon said yesterday upon his return from a one-day visit to Egypt that President Hosni Mubarak has accepted his invitation to visit Israel.

Navon said no date had been set for the visit.

The president and his wife, Ofira, were in Egypt for the day to pay a condolence call on President Anwar Sadat's widow, Jehan, and to lay a wreath on Sadat's grave.

Navon said his visit to Egypt had been an excellent opportunity to exchange views on relations between the two countries. His talks with Mubarak touched upon the Palestinian autonomy negotiations, the Saudi peace plan, and other Middle East-related subjects, Navon said.

David Bernstein, The Jerusalem Post Middle East Reporter, adds from Cairo:

Visibly moved, President Navon and his wife yesterday laid a wreath on Sadat's grave at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Nasr City.

Arriving at the open-pyramid-shaped memorial from Cairo International Airport, where they were received in a low-key ceremony on the runway by first deputy premier Fuad Mubammad and his wife, the Navons first placed a wreath on the plain black stone marking the grave of the unknown soldier. Drums rolled, bugles sounded, and the guard of honour presented arms.

The couple then moved a few steps forward, to place a second wreath on the simple white stone over the grave of Anwar Sadat. They stood in total silence contemplating the grave, emotion clearly showing on the faces of both, with the first lady blinking back tears.

In the background, behind the eternal flame, was the Nasr City Stadium, where Sadat was gunned down while reviewing a military parade last month.

The president and his entourage — which included Egypt's foreign and industry ministers, Gen. Kamel Hassan Ali and Mohammed Taha Zaki, Egypt's Ambassador to Israel Saad Mortada, and Israel's Ambassador to Egypt, Moshe Sasson — then proceeded to Giza to pay a courtesy call on Sadat's widow.

The Navon's visit was conspicuously a private one, despite a red carpet welcome at the airport. The official 40-day mourning period, following Sadat's death, ended last Saturday, but the private mourning period, which commenced with the late leader's burial, only ends today.

They spent about half an hour with Jehan and her family before going to their planned meeting with President Hosni Mubarak and his wife at their residence in Heliopolis.

Shavit quits El Al over Levy's 'meddling'

Jerusalem Post Staff

El Al was convulsed anew yesterday as board chairman Avraham Shavit resigned in protest against what he called Deputy Premier David Levy's interference in the airline's latest labour dispute.

Shavit, who had assumed the chairmanship two years and four days before determined to rescue the troubled airline, said after tendering his resignation to Transport Minister Haim Corfu that Levy's resolution of the El Al strike the previous day had undermined the authority of the airline's management.

In a show of support for Shavit, board member Aharon Dovrat also announced his resignation, and Pleg Tamir other board members were reported to be following suit. El Al information chief Arnold Sherman also resigned.

Shavit handed his resignation to Corfu yesterday afternoon and made public his decision at a meeting of the Knesset Economic Committee. He rejected appeals by Corfu and the committee to reconsider his decision.

"There is no chance," he told The Jerusalem Post later. "I did not resign in order to go back... Let them get another director. It will be the sixth in five years."

All members of the committee criticized the manner in which the government had handled the El Al strike, and some members said that Levy's interference had caused



Avraham Shavit

redundant flight engineers. The workers promptly launched a wildcat strike which lasted 12 days, until Levy, with Corfu's consent but without Shavit's knowledge, gave them a note nullifying the management's letter.

Shavit confirmed that Levy's intervention had triggered his resignation. Asked by The Post whether he believed the government had undermined his authority, he said, "Not Corfu. But I assume we were not acceptable to the government."

"That was the only thing I could conclude from the fact that it bypassed management, who knew nothing of the negotiations and mediation."

Shavit had learned the strike had ended from the radio. The airline's board of directors subsequently tried to show its muscle by voting eight-to-two not to resume operations until the workers submitted guarantees that strikes would not recur.

However, the board's demonstration was short-lived. Less than three hours after it was announced, Corfu met the members at his office in Jerusalem and told them to resume operations.

"I can understand the workers," Shavit said yesterday. "They see that when management doesn't give in to their demands, the government does. I can't possibly run a business and give instructions to workers who don't ask us what to do and tell me I'm not the boss. David Levy didn't realize the seriousness of the situation."

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Begin reassures U.S. on South Lebanon

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin told U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis yesterday morning that the tension in South Lebanon that followed the deaths at the weekend of three young Christian militiamen is now abating. Begin said Israel's interest is that the ceasefire in South Lebanon be maintained "indefinitely."

Israeli sources said the U.S. envoy was "gratified" to hear this message, which Begin asked him to convey to Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

American sources said Lewis had voiced "concern" at the situation in Southern Lebanon, during the meeting with the premier. But both Israeli and American sources stressed that this was not the sole issue that had dominated the conversation. Both sides urged newsmen to moderate the tone of near-crisis urgency that has characterized some media accounts of U.S.-Israel contacts over South Lebanon these past two or three days.

Both sides said the Begin-Lewis meeting was a "regular, periodic" wide-ranging discussion requested by the ambassador and did not reflect a sudden crisis or perceived drastic deterioration of the situation in the north.

Plainly, though, there is anxiety

Weinberger talks of 'risks' Israel will have to take

Jerusalem Post Staff

NEW YORK. — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger has said that the U.S. and Israel have to take risks to promote peace and break a stalemate in the Middle East.

"We are going to ask our ally, Israel, to take prudent risks," he said in a speech to the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith organization on Monday night. He did not elaborate on the nature of the risks involved.

Weinberger said U.S. friendship with Israel allowed for disagreement, such as last month's narrow Senate vote overriding Israel's strong protests to the sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia. But he said: "We are not going to move from our firm position that any (Middle East) plan must have recognition of Israel. Formal recognition has to be the premise of any plan."

"The only (plan) that meets this condition is Camp David," the secretary said.

"We remain as committed to that process as we ever were. We welcome proposals that can serve as a useful supplement, but we're not going to be pressured into repudiating it."

"We are not going to permit the security of the State of Israel and its capacity for self-defence to be eroded in any way," he pledged.

Former president Gerald Ford was also at the dinner, but did not deliver a major speech.

U.S. may propose reducing missiles

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan was reported by State Department officials yesterday to be ready to propose a virtual elimination of U.S. and Soviet medium-range missiles in Europe.

The president will deliver what is described as a major foreign policy speech today at the National Press Club.

White House officials said Reagan will outline the U.S. position at Soviet-American negotiations starting Nov. 30 in Geneva on reducing nuclear forces in Europe.

One State Department official said that Reagan will in effect endorse the so-called "zero option," offering to forgo the planned deployment of all U.S. medium-range missiles in Europe if the Soviet Union agrees to withdraw comparable Soviet missiles aimed at European targets.

But one official cautioned that hard negotiating lies ahead before success in that approach can be achieved.

Fuel up 15% — petrol now IS8.80

Fuel prices were raised by 15 per cent at midnight last night, by a joint decision of the ministers of finance and of energy.

Ninety-four octane petrol will now cost IS8.80 a litre instead of IS7.60, and 84-octane petrol is up from IS6.80 to IS7.80 a litre.

The price of heating fuel (solar) has been raised from IS5.50 to IS6.30 a litre, and that of kerosene — from IS6 to IS6.90 a litre. The price of cooking gas is now IS98.66 per balloon, plus VAT, instead of IS85.71.

The Treasury explained the price hike by the rise in the exchange rate. The price rise will save the Treasury some IS340m., which would have been paid in subsidies if fuel prices had been kept unchanged.

In the wake of the fuel price hike, electricity rates are expected to go up by 10 per cent, and the price of water and of cement by 6 per cent.

The Treasury has imposed an inventory tax on the stocks of fuel held by the distributors.

Histadrut fears 'undermining' by Likud

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut, and its dominant Labour Party, yesterday obtained strong support from an unexpected source — the main employers' group — for its charge that the Histadrut's authority was being undermined.

Labour Federation sources saw

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Haddad cuts water pipeline to UNIFIL headquarters

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Tension between Major Sa'ad Haddad's Lebanese Christian forces and the UNIFIL peacekeepers again yesterday, when, according to a UNIFIL spokesman, Haddad's soldiers blew up the main UNIFIL water pipeline in South Lebanon. The pipeline carries water from Israel to the UNIFIL headquarters base at Nakura, about five kilometres northeast of Rosh Hanikra.

Connors wins tourney

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — American ace Jimmy Connors last night powered his way to a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Romania's Ilie Nastase, to take the first prize of \$60,000 in the \$105,000 Golden Racket tennis tournament here. Nastase earned \$20,000 for finishing second in the four-man knockout tournament.

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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Jerusalem	52-17	52-17	52-17
Golan	65-14	65-14	65-14
Nahariya	72-21	72-21	72-21
Safed	79-14	79-14	79-14
Haifa Port	71-21	71-21	71-21
Tiberias	62-12	62-12	62-12
Nazareth	94-12	94-12	94-12
Afula	90-21	90-21	90-21
Shomron	61-17	61-17	61-17
Tel Aviv	60-12	60-12	60-12
B-G Airport	57-12	57-12	57-12
Jericho	38-10	38-10	38-10
Gaza	55-12	55-12	55-12
Beersheba	42-10	42-10	42-10
Eilat	24-12	24-12	24-12
Tiran Straits	40-25	40-25	40-25

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday dedicated the student hostel named for the late Nuri Katzir, at the new university nursing school at Assaf Harofeh Hospital. The ceremony was attended by the former president, Prof. Ephraim Katzir and his wife.

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, acting doyen of the diplomatic corps, paid a courtesy call yesterday on the newly appointed Chief of Protocol at the Foreign Ministry, David Efrati.

Yehezkel Cohen, psychoanalyst, will speak on "The problems and therapy of emotionally disturbed children" at the weekly Jerusalem Rotary Club meeting, at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Gershon Siegelman, director of the Fertiliser Research Institute, will speak (in English) on "Israel's Chemical Industry," at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

In Memoriam

A shloshim service for the late Prof. Vitaly Rubin will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 20 at the Har Hamenuhot cemetery, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

F. Schoiber, Lufthansa's regional director, for Europe, on a short business trip.

University tuition up, but also scholarships

University tuition fees will rise in line with the real cost of education, but big scholarships will be granted to students who devote time as volunteers to approved social or tutorial projects, the Knesset Education Committee voted unanimously yesterday.

The committee called on Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer to set up a public committee soon, along the lines of the previous body, the Navon committee, to fix university fees anew.

EEC move on Sinai awaits Fez summit

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Formal European Common Market support for participation by four EEC countries in the Sinai Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) could be delayed until after an Arab summit at the end of this month, EEC diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands have made clear their readiness to take part in the force. But Greece's new socialist government has so far opposed a joint statement of support by the EEC, fearing that this could antagonize Arab opinion.

A Greek spokesman said after a meeting of EEC foreign ministers yesterday that Greece still maintained this position, but he added that the situation was still evolving.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington told a press conference that consultations between the EEC states were continuing, and said that he hoped a formal announcement could be made soon.

"The problem is that we have obviously got to state what we say in a manner which is least provocative to everybody," Lord Carrington said.

Arab leaders are to hold a summit meeting in Fez, Morocco, on November 25-28, and EEC diplomatic sources said prospects for an EEC declaration on both the Sinai force and the Middle East

HOME & WORLD NEWS

Demands of 'the 13' rejected by Aridor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday met with the representatives of the "13 works committees" to discuss — and reject — three demands they had presented. The 13 committees represent workers in some of the country's most important enterprises and have come together outside the framework of the Histadrut.

The works committees demanded that the tax reductions for shift work which have been granted to industrial workers, be extended also to services, that income tax be reduced on overtime work and productivity premiums, and that allowances for workers to spend vacations in rest-homes be exempted from tax.

They also expressed their concern over the finance minister's announced intention to introduce legislation for the payment of a 100 per cent cost-of-living allowance, with a freeze on other wage increases except those due for higher productivity. The works committees fear that this will make it impossible for them to get individual and enterprise-wide wage increments.

Aridor turned "the 13" down, saying that he was in favour of general tax reductions but that the feasibility of this depended on the degree to which the budget could be cut.

Aridor also rejected tax reductions on overtime as impossible, and said that employers should pay more for overtime if they were interested in getting it. As for exempting vacation allowances, he doubted whether this would really induce people to go to rest-homes.

Aridor said that he would be glad to meet with "the 13" periodically, and also that he would be glad to meet, at any time, with the representatives of the Histadrut, if they were to ask for such a meeting.

The meeting with the representatives of 13 works committees is seen by the Histadrut as a clear attempt to undermine it.

The group includes the works committees of the Electric Corporation, the ratings and officers unions of the merchant navy, Israel Aircraft Industries, El Al, Ashdod and Haifa Ports, the post and communications technicians, the Civil Aviation Administration workers, the Dead Sea Works and Israel Television.

Belfast soccer fever for Israel match

By PAUL KOHN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BELFAST. — The Israel national soccer team arrived here yesterday to a tense Northern Ireland, unsettled by the IRA assassination of Protestant MP Robert Bradford last Saturday.

British troops have been keeping a low profile in the streets of Belfast but local security personnel are out in force and there are many guards in bullet-proof vests at the hotel where the Israel team is staying for their World Cup qualifying game against Northern Ireland.

Soccer fever has gripped Belfast as the Irish already see themselves in the finals for the first time since 1958.

Bookmakers here are betting 6 to 1 against an Israel win.

A full-house of 40,000 fans will watch the game at Windsor Park which kicks off at 10 p.m. Israel time.

In the Israel camp, the players are relaxed. "We have found in the past week that we can keep our feet also in wet and muddy conditions, and a 4-1 win over Portugal has given our players a lot of confidence," Israel captain Gideon Damti told *The Jerusalem Post*.

What is not being revealed by Billy Bingham, the Ireland coach, is the tactics his team will adopt. While a draw would suffice Ireland, they cannot take the risk that Benny Tabak, Uri Malmilian or Damti snatch a goal for Israel.

RAMALLAH MODERATE

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protest Monday's destruction by the army of four houses in the area after sons of the residents had allegedly confessed to throwing molotov cocktails at passing Israeli traffic. They opened as soon as the demonstrators dispersed.

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued an interim injunction barring the military government from destroying the house of a Beit Sahur resident whose son was detained for allegedly throwing an incendiary bottle at a military vehicle. Ya'akov Shumali claimed that his son Tarek, 19, was detained on Sunday and said he feared that his house would be demolished. Last May Shumali and his family were banished from their home but were allowed to return a week later following an international outcry.

Security forces have also detained a number of people in the village of Aboud near Ramallah following Saturday's stone-throwing incident there in which an Israeli woman was injured.

The High Court of Justice yesterday also granted three villagers from Tsurif near Hebron an interim injunction barring the military government from building on land which the army has seized

for a Nahal outpost. The villagers' advocate, Elias Khoury, said that the army has seized 440 dunams a week ago and surveys had begun working on Sunday.

Before the petition was submitted, villagers had stopped the surveyors from marking out the land. Yesterday soldiers arrived in the early morning and ordered the villagers to remain inside their homes while surveying continued.

Earlier this week the government decided to return some 900 dunams of land seized in 1976 for military purposes from Arab owners on Jabal Tawil near el-Bireh. Two hundred dunams of state-owned land will be given to Jews who intend establishing the settlement of Pasagot which will straddle a planned new highway linking Jerusalem, the Atarot airport and the settlement of Beit-El, by-passing the Arab towns of Ramallah and el-Bireh.

Following a discussion between officials of the Defence Ministry, the various settlement departments and the Justice Ministry, it was decided not to release 460 dunams of land held by the custodian of enemy property. The government's decision follows an interim injunction barring work on the site issued in July this year.

Glickstein finishes third in knock-out

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's tennis champion Shlomo Glickstein yesterday evening scored one of the best wins of his career when he defeated the world's No. 10 player, Eliot Teltscher 6-4, 7-6, to take the third prize of \$15,000 in the Golden Racket Sabrina Gali knock-out tennis tournament here.

Glickstein, currently 38th in the ATP world singles rankings, was cheered on by 8,000 spectators at

the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace in the 75-minute match against the American Jewish star. He won the tie-break 7-5 after Teltscher had saved three match points in a gripping climax. The Californian received \$10,000 for finishing as a wooden spoonist.

Last night, American ace Jimmy Connors and Rumania's durable Ilie Nastase were fighting it out for the first place prize of \$60,000, leaving the runner-up with \$20,000.

this before issuing any new declaration.

David Landau, The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent, adds: The American civilian director of the MFO, Ray Hunt, said yesterday European contingents — if their governments eventually decide to send them — could play a particularly useful role in the MFO's air, sea and signals units. But if they do not join, the MFO's work, though "more difficult," would proceed satisfactorily without them.

Ray Hunt and Norwegian Gen. Frederick Bull-Hansen, the MFO's military commander, called on Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday to describe preparations for the March 20 deployment date.

Under the terms of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, the MFO will be in place on March 20, but will only assume its functions on April 25, after the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai is completed.

Hunt and Bull-Hansen flew in on Monday night after several days of talks in Egypt.

Along the international borderline, meanwhile, Israeli and Egyptian officers, cartographers and legal experts are busy delineating the precise international border from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean at Rafah.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak listens intently while President Yitzhak Navon makes a point during their conversation yesterday at the Mubarak residence in Heliopolis. (Ya'acov Saar)



President Yitzhak Navon talks to one of the late Anwar Sadat's grandchildren yesterday, while Jehan Sadat and his wife Ofra look on. (Ya'acov Saar)

Peres appears cool to unity government

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres heard out the National Religious Party's Ze'evulun Hammer yesterday as the latter argued for the formation of a national unity government. But after their meeting at Peres' office at Labour headquarters here, Hammer expressed pessimism at the chances for his initiative.

Peres dissociated himself from any involvement in the initiative, declaring after his meeting with the

Education Minister that he would "for the moment" not put the issue on the Labour Party leadership bureau's agenda.

Peres has called a press conference for tomorrow, when he is expected to clarify his position.

Peres will also give the Alignment Knesset faction a report next Monday on contacts with other parties about the possibility of forming a national unity government.

The briefing was requested by Labour MK Ya'acov Tsur and others.

SHAVIT QUITTS

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The works committees welcomed Shavit's move. Eitan Rosenman, a leader of the maintenance workers, said, "Shavit's revival programme contained only one element: cut, fire. The airline should be expanded, not retrenched. Only the workers can revive the company, and not Buma." On Shavit's resignation, Rosenman said, "He was responsible for all the shortcomings, drew the conclusions and took the right step."

But Corfu said El Al's policy under Shavit was correct. "The two years under him were good years. He's got to continue."

Board member Dovrat, who also resigned, wrote Shavit that "the government's handling of the wildcat strike showed me it is impossible to run the company with the decisiveness required for its revival. The problem is...the director's

baton was taken away from him." Tamir said the new situation gave all the "violent staff committees" a cue to present demands. "They will be accepted, and I don't want to share the responsibility."

Sherman, the head of the airline's information division, who has been with the airline for 17 years, told *The Post*, "The original issue was who will manage El Al, and the answer has now come back loud and clear. Under those conditions, I believe it impossible to continue working for El Al. It's a pity."

Meanwhile the airline resumed flights yesterday. The first flight took off to Istanbul with 64 passengers and the company expects to return to its normal schedule today.

Yesterday some 1,200 passengers were carried, about half in the company's aircraft and the other half in planes which were still on lease from other airlines.

HISTADRUT FEARS

(Continued from page one)

Herut faction head Ze'evulun Shalish yesterday welcomed Levy's initiative in the El Al dispute.

Aridor's political origins lie in the Histadrut faction which he jointly headed with Levy before his election to the Ninth Knesset.

The Histadrut sources asserted that the two cabinet ministers who together run the Herut Party machine, have been manipulating party cells in trade unions and works committees in a concerted bid to undermine the authority of the elected Histadrut bodies.

Acting Histadrut secretary-general and trades union chief Israel Kessar yesterday sharply criticized "outside intervention in the country's labour relations," after noting that the El Al walk-out had been "totally superfluous."

A similar note was sounded yesterday by the new Manufacturers Association president Eli Hurwitz, who is head of the employers' coordinating committee, and his predecessor, Avraham Shavit. Hurwitz said, "we would not like to see any erosion in the position of the Histadrut. If that happened, it would be a national disaster."

Shavit warned that if the federation's power were broken "then those who do it will have to deal with wild men." They warned against the rise of violence in labour relations, and feared outside encouragement of violent elements in labour disputes.

Deputy Premier Levy yesterday denied he intended harming the Histadrut. Replying to political

reporters' questions, Levy said, "I don't understand the Histadrut's anger. Didn't Kessar welcome my initiative during a TV programme last week after the El Al dispute entered an impasse?"

He was gratified at his share in the formula that resolved the dispute.

Levy said, "My function as deputy premier requires me to intervene in such labour disputes." He denied that he was filling the vacuum caused in the cabinet by the lack of a functioning labour minister. Aharon Abuhazzeira is labour minister, but he has never shown any interest in labour problems.

Criticism of the Histadrut's handling of the El Al dispute came yesterday from Tel Aviv Labour Council secretary Dov Ben Meir who told a union meeting that the Histadrut's "dithering" opened the door to government intervention.

Soldier charged with 23 deaths in accident

TEL AVIV (Ilim). — The driver of a military tank-carrier, 22-year-old Yitzhak Rawi of Kiryat Malachi, was yesterday charged with causing the death of 23 persons in an accident at the Bnei Darom-Ashdod intersection three months ago.

According to the prosecution, Rawi crossed the intersection after the light had turned red, and hit a van carrying 60 workers from Gaza, in the early hours of August 10. In the accident, 23 people lost their lives and many others were injured. Rawi was also seriously hurt.

In the Knesset Biton ousted from chamber—compared Sharon to Hitler

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

Post Knesset Reporter

A verbal storm erupted in the Knesset yesterday when Charlie Biton (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) compared Defence Minister Ariel Sharon to Adolf Hitler. Biton was ordered to leave the chamber by the deputy Knesset Speaker.

The incident occurred during the debate on an amendment to the Punishment Law presented by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who said that there had lately been an increase in the dissemination of anti-state incitement by means of tape recorders and photograph records. The amendment, Nissim explained, broadens the definition of "the publication of incitement" to include incitement by means of such "audio objects."

When his turn came to speak, Biton referred to the recent blowing-up of the homes of Arabs whose sons had thrown incendiary bombs at military vehicles, and to the use of troops to put down student demonstrations.

Sharon, he said, was increasingly coming through in the image of Hitler and was conducting a Nazi policy of collective punishment.

Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen, as soon as the name Hitler left Biton's lips, banged his gavel and demanded that Biton withdraw his comparison. When Biton paid him no heed, he called him to order two or three times (this later became a point of contention) and ordered him to be seated.

Biton continued to speak. Cohen continued to bang his gavel and insist that he be seated. He did so but Cohen then ordered him to leave the chamber, and he was surrounded by guards who escorted him out.

At this point Tawfik Toubi, Biton's colleague, jumped up and shouted that the chairman had no right to expel a member for anything he said, unless he kept talking after being called to order three times. And that, Toubi said, had not been done.

According to the official transcript, Cohen almost in one breath said, "I call you to order once, I call you to order twice," but not a third time.

Shortly afterwards, Cohen announced that he had decided to give Biton the benefit of the doubt and permit him to return to the chamber.

Earlier in the debate, Amnon Linn (Likud-La'ama) read from tape recordings he said he had arranged to get from Israeli-Arab friends. He said the cassette was being circulated among the Arab public by Arab extremists.

"We are comrades-in-arms and want to return to our homeland, to Haifa, to Beit She'an, and for them we are prepared to sacrifice ourselves," Linn read. "The revolution will crush the Jewish people, who are like the devil. Hoy Abu Amar [Yasser Arafat] — we want to return to the Jordan Valley and then we will continue on our way and slaughter all the foreigners."

Broad opposition to Ze'evi appointment

Post Knesset Reporter

MKs Mordechai Virshubsky (Shinui) and Ehud Olmert (Likud-La'ama) yesterday presented motions for the agenda on the pending appointment of Aluf (res.) Rehavam Ze'evi as director of the Ha'aretz Museum in Tel Aviv. The motions were referred to the Education Committee in a vote that cut across party lines.

Virshubsky recalled a statement by police Inspector-General Arye Ivztan that Ze'evi's testimony in connection with the "Bar Bakar double murder" case had been unsatisfactory and incomplete. This raises the question whether such a man should be named to direct an educational-cultural institution, he said.

Olmert took the unusual step of waiving the right to speak and said he subscribed to everything Virshubsky said.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said in a brief reply that the police had not submitted any charges against Ze'evi, asking, "Is the Knesset a judicial tribunal?" He did not object to the referral of the matter to the Education Committee, but said the committee "must not turn itself into a judicial commission."

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Protest over chief rabbis bone hunting

Post Knesset Reporter

This nation should be liberated from stories about bone-burials, staged state funerals before the television cameras, emotion-charged speeches and hovering helicopters, Labour MK Ya'acov Tsur said in the Knesset Education Committee yesterday, demanding a discussion on government plans to give the so-called Bar Kooliba bones a state funeral.

"A cultured society has certain

limits, beyond which it can no longer tolerate the ridiculous antics of the chief rabbi and his urge for self-publicity," Tsur told the committee. "The planned state funeral has nothing in common with respect for national values and the national past," he said.

Committee chairman Ora Namir agreed, adding, "The sight of the chief rabbi dangling on the end of a rope before the TV cameras of the world did not add to the dignity of the chief rabbinate."

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Beit Hadassah killers sentenced to life terms

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

NABLUS. — A military court here yesterday sentenced the four terrorists who murdered six yeshiva students in Hebron last year to life imprisonment.

The presiding judge, Sgan Aluf Alexander Ramati, said that two of the three judges had wanted to impose the death sentence, a decision for which the law requires a unanimous opinion. The only person ever executed under Israeli law was Adolf Eichmann in 1962.

Adnan Jaber, 33, Yasser Zaydat, 31, Mohammed Shubaki, 56, and Tahir Taha, 27, were convicted of killing six and wounding 16 yeshiva students in an ambush last May, as the students were returning to Hebron's Beit Hadassah from Sabbath eve prayers.

The judges noted that the victims were civilians, in refuting defence

counsel's attempt to link the attack with the Israeli-Arab conflict. The judges also noted that none of the terrorists had expressed remorse throughout the trial, nor cooperated with the court; but only made repeated political declarations.

After sentence was passed, about 100 members of Gush Emunim and the Kach movement demonstrated outside the courthouse entrance, shouting "blood for blood" and blocking the exit of the judges, attorneys and relatives of the victims.

Attorney Azriel Barak attended the trial as a representative of the bereaved families with a special interest. The defendant Shubaki is already serving a life sentence for murdering Barak's son and daughter-in-law, Uriel and Hadassah, in Beit Guvrin in February. "This sentence is an invitation to other murderers to commit similar atrocities," Barak said.

Israeli convicted of murder in NY

NEW YORK (AP). — A 23-year-old Israeli citizen has been convicted of the \$50,000 robbery-murder of a wealthy garment executive and the wounding of his wife in their luxury apartment in the Queens Borough of New York city.

A jury of eight women and four men deliberated about two hours Monday after a two-week trial, before convicting Daniel Derhi of the murder of Elliot Hyman and the attempted murder of his wife, Ellen, last February 27. Sentencing has been scheduled for December 12, at which time Queens District Attorney John Santucci will seek the

maximum penalty of 25 years to life. During the trial, Ellen Hyman identified Derhi as the man who killed her 57-year-old husband. Santucci said Derhi used his position as a mirror installer to gain entrance to the Hyman apartment, where he shot and killed Elliot Hyman with a rifle and then fired at his wife as she tried to retreat into the bathroom. She was wounded in the side, lung, arm and hand.

Derhi came to the U.S. from Israel in November 1979 on a three-month visa that had expired about a year before the slaying.

Pupils renovate archeological site

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eighth and ninth-grade pupils over the past few weeks cleaned and renovated the ancient cemetery at Beit Shearim, in a pilot project within the framework of "national service."

"We intend to use junior high school and high school pupils to clean up and renovate all of the country's archeological sites," Education Ministry spokesman Yisrael Cohen told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The work at the Beit Shearim catacombs, supervised by officials of the ministry's Antiquities Department, was done by pupils from the Greenberg high school in Kiryat

Tivon and the Yokneam comprehensive school.

The ancient catacombs (and the ruins of the Second Temple and Mishnaic city) were first excavated by Prof. Binyamin Mazar during 1936-40 and again, under Prof. Nahman Avigad, in 1953-54.

The area of the tombs and catacombs was not under the jurisdiction of the National Parks Authority and over the years fell into disrepair.

The Antiquities Department has recently renovated and cleaned the synagogue at Katzrin, on the Golan, the mosaic floor of the Kiri Maria Monastery in Beit Shean, the Acre aqueduct and other sites.

Lahat accused of illegal spending

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment faction in the city council this week accused Mayor Shlomo Lahat of allocating \$522,000 for gardening outside the Komeinit synagogue without the approval of the finance committee or the council.

Questioned about the expenditure at this week's council meeting, Lahat reportedly replied: "I take responsibility for this action even if it is against the law, because Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren (who leads services at the synagogue) asked me to do this."

The Alignment council members further charged that the city had recently leased tennis courts and playing fields in the Yarkon Park's tennis centre to the Maccabi, Beitar and Elitzur sports associations for 49 years at a fee of one shekel a year.

The Hapoel sports association, which belongs to the Alignment, continues to rent fields from the municipality at IS1.5 million for seven years or IS10.6m. for 49 years, the Alignment said.

The Alignment faction voted against the city's proposed development budget, which was nevertheless approved at this week's council meeting, because it said the mayor could not explain to them how he intends to overcome the city's IS192m. deficit.

The Alignment maintains that the municipality spends some 30 per cent of its development budget without the approval of the council or the finance committee, as required by the law.

The mayor's comment could not be obtained yesterday, as the municipality employs no spokesman at present.

Attitude to mental illness improving

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The public attitude towards mental illness has changed dramatically for the better in the past few years, Professor Marcel Assael, chairman of the Israel Psychiatric Society, said Monday. More than 200 scientific papers will be read during the society's three-day national conference which began yesterday in Jerusalem.

"Having a mental illness is no longer considered a taboo subject," he said, "and no longer do families try to send a sick member to an outlying hospital where he will be out of public attention. Today, mental disturbances are becoming an accepted ailment, like any other, which can be treated and generally helped; and the psychiatrist is becoming accepted on more or less the same level as the family doctor."

Moreover, Assael added, the work of psychiatrists is assuming new dimensions. In addition to being consulted on various general health matters, "we are often called in to help an entirely normal person, who runs up against an intolerable situation, face the problem. He would have succeeded by himself, but our help smooths his path," Assael said.

Dr. Katya Philosph of the Health Ministry stated that 40 per cent of Israel's 21,000 hospital beds are in psychiatric wards. Moreover, she rejected the contention that the rate of hospitalization in Israel is 2.2 per 1,000, compared to a low of 1.5 per 1,000 in the U.S. "If the patients in American mental nursing homes are included, the rate jumps to 3 per 1,000. Unfortunately, we don't have this type of nursing home in Israel," she said.

Drivestore seeks right to remain open on Sabbath

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Avivians will be able to shop on Saturdays again, if the High Court of Justice accepts the Drivestore minimarket's claim that closing it on weekends constitutes discrimination.

The Drivestore's owners, who obtained an order nisi Monday ordering the city to show cause within 30 days why the store should not operate on weekends, yesterday asked Mayor Shlomo Lahat to allow them to operate on weekends until the court debate. Lahat is expected to deny this request.

The Drivestore, which served thousands of customers from the entire region as the only store open seven days a week until midnight, was ordered closed on weekends and holidays by the municipality some three months ago, following

pressure from the city's religious factions.

Drivestore owner Mordechai Sender said yesterday that many businesses operate in Tel Aviv on Saturdays despite the law. He cited stadiums, petrol stations, cinemas, beaches, museums and the Dolphinarium. "Why discriminate against the Drivestore, and against people who find it convenient to shop on weekends?" Sender asked.

Snakes plague Golan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KATZRIN. — A plague of snakes — some of them poisonous — has struck the Golan Heights. Cases of non-lethal snakes biting residents of the area have been reported. The snakes are expected to disappear with the onset of colder weather.



Attorney Azriel Barak, whose son and daughter-in-law were murdered by one of the four terrorists convicted of participation in the Beit Hadassah massacre in Hebron, tells a crowd outside the military court in Nablus yesterday that the lack of a death penalty is an invitation to similar atrocities. (Gideon Gitai)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ROUGH TIMES are ahead for Israel-German relations, according to Eric Blumenfeld, president of the Israel-German Society and a member of the European Parliament. In view of the bleak prospects, Blumenfeld, who was speaking to a press conference yesterday in Tel Aviv, could not recommend a visit to Israel by German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, even though a visit to Germany by former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin six years ago has yet to be returned.



Aloni Cohen

IT WOULD seem that there is nothing on which MK Shalom Aloni (Alignment-CRM) and Genia Cohen (Tehiya) agree, but they both are urging that something must be done to rescue the Falashas of Ethiopia. Cohen is trying to get an urgent plenum debate in the Knesset on the plight of the Falashas and Aloni has written to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, calling on him to mobilize world opinion on behalf of the 28,000 Jews of Ethiopia, just as it was mobilized for Soviet Jewry.

Savior calls Saudi plan 'a time bomb'

Post Knesset Reporter

Saudi Arabia's eight-point plan for the Middle East is a time bomb, Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor told a group of West German parliamentarians who visited the Knesset yesterday as a delegation of the German-Israeli Society.

Ever since 1949 Saudi Arabia has tried to sow discord between Egypt and Israel to keep Egypt economically dependent, Savidor added.

A communist takeover in Riyadh is the likely result of the flow of modern arms to Saudi Arabia, Savidor warned the Germans.

The speaker also said that "Italian parliamentarians told me that if the inhabitants of South Tyrol got 20 per cent of the autonomy being offered to the Arabs of Judea and Samaria, they would dance for joy in the streets of Rome."

Dutch Rotarians raise money while touring

Thirty-five members of the Edeken Rotary Club in Holland, their wives and guests have arrived for a two-week visit which will raise funds for social causes by taxing the tour participants on their travel expenses. The club has raised over 15,000 Dutch guilders (IS90,000) on two previous trips to Indonesia and the Dutch West Indies.

The group is led by Ian Lindout, a past president of the Edeken club, who said he hopes the 300 other Rotary clubs in the Netherlands, with their 10,000 members, will follow his club's example.

TAX BREAKS. — The 7 per cent tax reduction granted to residents of Eilat and new settlements has been extended to Merkaz Sapir in the Negev, Kalanit, Karmon, Mitzpeh Gilon, Mei Ami and Manof in the Galilee and eight other settlements.

Arab councils threaten to strike on Monday

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arab local councils will begin on open-ended strike on Monday to protest what they regard as the government's failure to remedy their financial situation, council heads warned at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

"Many of our villages and towns are still in the Middle Ages in terms of infrastructure and development," said Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, mayor of Shfaram and chairman of the committee of heads of Arab local councils.

He charged that, apart from the Education Ministry, no government department allocates funds for development in the Arab sector.

"And even with this Education Ministry funding, about half the classes in the Arab school system still are conducted in rented, inadequate rooms and not in school buildings," said Jamal Tarabeen, chairman of the Sakhnin local council.

Tarabeen said that almost every Arab settlement, including Sakhnin, lacks amenities such as a sewage system, paved streets or roads and pavements. Sakhnin, a village of 12,000, "has no clinic, no cultural centre, no local council building. There are no libraries, no roads, no sports fields in any Arab town and almost all lack an outline plan

(tachnit mit'ar), without which nothing can even be built," said Tarabeen.

Ahmed Abu Asbi, chairman of the Jati local council, said that he, for example, has to replace the town's water system, which dates from at least Mandatory times. "It will cost us IS10 million. But our total annual development budget from the state amounts to IS300,000 to IS400,000. So I shall be able to replace the water system — within about 30 years."

Abu Asbi pointed to the disparity between private building, and each family's economic state, and public building and development. "Sure, after years of work, the standard of living and housing of each individual and each family has risen. We are not complaining about this. But public construction and infrastructure development are far behind."

The immediate cause of the threatened local councils' strike, according to the council heads, is that the state subsidy of Arab council operational or running budgets amounts to less than half, and in some cases a quarter, of state funding of Jewish settlements of similar population and size. "Each council has thus amassed an average deficit of IS1 million. Nazareth has a IS14 million deficit. So we are no longer able to pay our

workers or provide services," explained Abu Asbi.

Nazareth's municipal employees have been on strike since October 29 because the city says it is unable to pay September wages.

"The state, via the Interior Ministry, funds Jewish settlements to the tune of IS6,000 per capita per annum, while Arab villagers and towns get IS1,500 per capita per annum," said Hussein.

The chairman denied charges made by the Interior Ministry's district representative in Galilee, Yisrael Koenig, that the lack of development in the Arab sector resulted from nonpayment of taxes by the Arab residents and "incompetent administration" on the part of the local councils.

"We have raised taxes in accordance with Interior Ministry directives and sometimes beyond them, and the Arab villagers have a rate of payment as high as the Jews," Hussein said.

The Arab leaders, who yesterday met Knesset Interior Committee members to plead their case, are demanding that the government immediately cover the local councils' deficits, correct the "discriminatory" disparity in state allocations to Jewish and Arab settlements, and provide the Arab sector with "appropriate development budgets."

Buyer can retain title to land sold by fraud

In a precedent-setting judgment, the Jerusalem District Court ruled recently that the innocent buyer of fraudulently sold land retains ownership of the property, even if it has been recorded in the land registry incorrectly due to fraud.

The ruling was made in connection with a five-dunam plot of land in the Ramot section of Jerusalem, owned by a resident of East Jerusalem, that was sold to a contractor by another man claiming to be the legitimate owner. The false owner was part of a Jewish-Arab land swindle ring, which obtained false title to tracts of land by means of forged identity cards and false affidavits.

Despite the fact that the seller of the tract of land was not the owner, Judge Ya'acov Bazak ruled that the buyer should retain title, because he purchased it innocently on the basis of land registry documentation, even though such documentation was false. (Itim)

Haifa companies agree in court

HAIFA (Itim). — A temporary lien placed on the Israel Petrochemical Industries to secure a debt of IS136m. claimed from it by the oil refineries here has been lifted after the two sides reached an agreement which was later brought to the District Court for ratification.

U.S. alters ruling on W. Bank goods

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The U.S. Customs Service has backed down on its controversial ruling requiring "Made in Israeli Occupied West Bank" labels on goods imported from the West Bank, according to Congressman Mario Biaggi of Queens.

Speaking to reporters in New York, Biaggi said that the revised policy quietly adopted last week permits any of three designations: "Made in Israel," "Made in Israeli Occupied West Bank" or simply "Israel." According to Biaggi, the

State Department had asked the customs office a month ago to make the ruling after wooden carvings and mother-of-pearl jewelry were imported from the West Bank. He added that he was not altogether pleased with the revision and hoped it would be only an interim policy.

"I intend to seek elimination of the 'Israeli Occupied West Bank' designation," he stated. "It is a political statement which editorializes our position in an especially sensitive aspect of our Mideast policy."

Key money tenants say gov't ignores them

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Tenants Protection Association will demand that the Knesset pass a law granting key money tenants priority in purchasing their dwellings, association secretary Tuvia Vardimon told a press conference here yesterday.

Such tenants are next in line to be evicted, he charged. "Otherwise why has the government let rentals increase 11-fold during the past three years, while the cost-of-living index has gone up 8.5-fold and pension grants only seven-fold?" he asked. Tenants are greatly disappointed with the present Likud government, he added.

"For many months we have been trying unsuccessfully to meet with Housing Minister David Levy, and Prime Minister Menachem Begin. They simply don't care," Vardimon charged.

There are over half a million key money tenants and others protected by law whose rights should be fixed once and for all, he said.

The association also wants tenants to be allowed to pass their key money rights to next of kin, Vardimon said.

Pelicans feasting

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Heavy damage has been caused to fishponds in the north in recent weeks due to the influx of large flocks of pelicans to the region, kibbutz officials said.

The local kibbutzim have tried to frighten the pelicans away by hooting car horns and firing shots into the air. But the birds have been undeterred, feeding at will in the ponds.

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Government, Solidarity open major talks in Warsaw

WARSAW (Reuters). — The Polish government and the Solidarity free trade union have opened major peace talks in search of a platform for cooperation, after 16 months of political and economic turmoil.

The talks, which began yesterday in Warsaw after a delay apparently caused by last-minute indecision in the Solidarity camp, took place amid a mounting campaign by the government to persuade the mass labour movement to join some form of national front.

But the union was unlikely to agree unless the government made real concessions on a range of key

issues. The Roman Catholic newspaper *Slowo Powszechne* said yesterday that the Communists would have to relinquish their monopoly on power if they were to convince society of their goodwill.

Stanislaw Ciosek, minister in charge of trade union affairs, headed the government delegation at the talks, with Stanislaw Wadolowski leading the Solidarity side.

A Solidarity spokesman told reporters that he did not expect any immediate breakthrough as the first session would be devoted largely to procedural matters.

Top Russians admit failure of food, coal production

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union will fall short of its 1981 production goals in agriculture, coal, steel and construction, the nation's chief planner said yesterday.

Nikolai Baibakov also told the opening session of the Supreme Soviet that per-capita income would rise 2.1 per cent in 1982, small comfort to consumers recently hit with stiff price increases.

Baibakov, chairman of the agency that draws up the Soviet economic blueprint, blamed inefficiency in government ministries for the shortfalls.

"These shortcomings, and also the difficulties that developed in agriculture, did not make it possible to ensure, for a number of indices, implementation of annual planned

assignments," he told the nation's parliament. Baibakov reiterated the concern expressed Monday night by President Leonid Brezhnev before a plenary session of the Communist Party central committee.

Brezhnev warned that food production was now the major economic and political problem facing the nation.

Baibakov said by 1985 average monthly income would be 177 rubles (US\$438), seven rubles more than the current figure. In September, consumers were told the price of petrol had doubled overnight, and that a variety of other goods from vodka to gold rings had jumped in cost by 17 to 27 per cent.

'Vote faked,' says Dacca opposition

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP). — Bangladesh's main opposition political party, the Awami League, has announced plans to march in the capital today, and elsewhere across the country on succeeding days to protest what it says was widespread cheating in last Sunday's presidential election.

Acting president Abdus Sattar, the ruling Bangladesh National Party's candidate, unofficially swept to victory with 66 per cent of the votes — more than eight million votes over Kamal Hossain of the Awami League in the balloting for a successor to slain president Ziaur Rahman. Twenty-nine other candidates trailed far behind.

Hossain has charged the election was rigged and the results were "manufactured" by the present government.

1981 Prix Goncourt

PARIS (AP). — Author Lucien Bodard, 67, on Monday won France's top literary award, the 1981 Prix Goncourt, for his semi-autobiographical novel, *Amélie*, which takes place in China.



Hooded Protestant vigilantes parading in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, late Monday night, in a demonstration of strength directed against the renewed wave of IRA violence and government failure to control it. (UPI telephoto)

Egypt seeks more U.S. arms

CAIRO WEST AIRBASE (UPI). — Egypt intends seeking anti-aircraft missiles from the U.S. to beef up its air defenses, Defence Minister Lt. Gen. Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala said yesterday. He was speaking to Lt. Gen. Robert C. Kingston, commander of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, at the end of the fourth day of a joint Egyptian-U.S. air defence exercise.

In reply, Kingston told Abu Ghazala the U.S. will help its friends in the Middle East "when called upon."

Ignoring Arab criticism of the joint maneuvers, President Hosni Mubarak told reporters yesterday,

"Whoever wants to criticize let him do so, but we are gaining experience from one of the superpowers."

Yesterday's drill involved some 4,000 American troops and a similar number of Egyptians. It is part of the Bright Star 82 war games in four Middle East countries between now and mid-December. The other nations are Sudan, Oman and Somalia.

Abu Ghazala said Egypt will ask the U.S. for Chaparral missiles and "we are considering other requirements."

He said first deliveries of 40 F-16 warplanes purchased from the U.S. will be made next January and February.

OAU leader urges 'hands off Chad'

NAIROBI. — President Daniel arap Moi, chairman of the organization of African Unity, yesterday called on countries bordering Chad not to harbour or encourage Chad dissidents.

Cooperation from neighbouring countries would help the Pan-African Peacekeeping Force in its operations there, Moi said.

Moi said that a summit of African states providing the peace-keeping force was not necessary and the force, totalling an estimated 3,000 men, should be sent without delay. On behalf of the OAU, he thanked Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi for having maintained peace in Chad for the past 17 months.

Nigerian General G.O. Ejiga,

commander of the Pan-African force, arrived in the Chad capital of N'djamena yesterday for talks and said that the full force would arrive as soon as possible. The general, on a preliminary visit with his high command to prepare for the arrival of the full force, was accompanied by 18 officers from Nigeria, Zaïre, Senegal, Togo, Guinea and Kenya. He was to have talks with Chad President Goukouni Oueddei later yesterday.

A total of 700 Zaïrean troops, the first part of the OAU force, arrived at N'djamena airport Monday and on Sunday. Their arrival coincided with a Libyan withdrawal from the capital and other parts of Chad. (UPI, Reuters)

6 assassins get death sentences in Turkish court

ISTANBUL. — Six leftists were ordered to be hanged for killing Turkey's former prime minister Nihat Erim in a military court verdict announced yesterday.

The defence lawyers said they would contest the sentences in the military court of appeals.

In verdicts passed Monday, Istanbul's martial law court No. 1 found the leftists guilty of shooting Erim, Istanbul's deputy security chief Mahmut Dikler and Erim's bodyguard on July 19 last year, less than two months before the military took over the government to control urban violence.

In Ankara, a military court has sentenced the publisher of a leftist monthly to seven-and-a-half years in prison and fined its editor for spreading Communist propaganda, the newspaper *Cumhuriyet* reported yesterday.

Giscard's aides deny plot to kill Gaddafi

PARIS (UPI). — Former officials who worked with defeated president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing yesterday denied a report in the U.S. magazine *Time* that a high-ranking official of Giscard's government proposed the assassination of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi at a White House meeting last February.

Giscard's foreign minister, Jean Francois-Poncet, apparently the official referred to by the magazine, said the article is "without any foundation." Other members of the Giscard government said the article "was completely invented."

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Protestants attack Ulster official at MP's funeral

BELFAST (UPI). — A mob of mourning Protestants yelling "killer" attacked Ulster Secretary James Prior at the funeral of assassinated MP Robert Bradford yesterday, and gunmen shot dead a Catholic housing executive amid spiralling tension in the province.

Prior apparently was not hit, but clearly was shaken by the anger of Protestants who have accused him of neglecting security and have threatened to establish a "third force" of vigilantes to confront the largely Catholic Irish Republican Army.

Earlier a carload of gunmen drew up alongside a parked car in a Catholic housing estate in Lurgan and fired several shots, killing Peter Keegan, 20, and wounding his brother.

In another incident, a police reservist was shot in the chest several times in Newry and hospitalized in "very serious" condition, while in Belfast Protestant militant Ian Paisley outlined his plans to render Northern Ireland "ungovernable."

"We are taking (Prime Minister) Margaret Thatcher's sceptre, breaking it across her knees and hrowing it into the gutter," said

Paisley. In another part of Ulster, about 600 Protestants wearing masks and camouflaged jackets paraded through Enniskillen last night threatening revenge for a wave of IRA attacks.

Meanwhile, weeping children joined mourners at the funeral of Ken Campbell, the caretaker at the South Belfast community where Bradford was killed by the IRA on Saturday morning and who was cut down as he tried to block their escape.

In another part of the city, funeral services were held for Thomas McNulty, an 18-year-old Roman Catholic who was the victim of an apparent revenge killing on Saturday night in the immediate aftermath of Bradford's death.

Earlier, part-time police officer Silas Lytle, 56, died in hospital from injuries he received when shot outside his home a month ago.

In London, Thatcher appealed last night for peace between Catholics and Protestants, soon after Paisley and two other ultra-loyalist MPs were ejected from Parliament for shouting at her and Prior that "blood of Ulster is on your hands."

Terror link seen between Palestinians and Armenians

PARIS (UPI). — Armenian militants on Monday night bombed a railroad station, and police disclosed evidence indicating that Palestinian and Armenian terrorists either cooperated or used the same sources for false passports and explosives.

Two persons were slightly injured when the bomb exploded shortly before midnight in a luggage locker in the Gare de l'Est. The "Orly group," apparently part of the Armenian Secret Army for Liberation of Armenia, (ASALA) telephoned a news agency to say "this is our last warning to the French government."

The caller demanded that the French police release arrested Armenian militant Dmitri Giorgi, suspected of being the ASALA leader, and that "the French Government take a position favourable to the Armenian people."

The bomb was the third to explode in Paris since Giorgi's Nov. 11 arrest at Orly Airport.

Investigators of the police criminal brigade disclosed that explosives used in 1980 Armenian attacks in Paris were the same used in the bombing of the Rue de Copernic synagogue on October 3, 1980, in which Palestinians were suspected.

Giorgi was arrested while trying to fly to Beirut with a false Cypriot passport. It bears the same number series as that of the owner of a booby-trapped motorcycle which exploded in front of the synagogue, police have said.

According to the newspaper *France Soir*, police said that the murderers of the Jewish owners of a Paris travel agency last year, and the wounding of a Turkish diplomat in September 1980, were done by the same type of weapon — a Barrett pistol with a silencer.

Pro-Iraqi Lebanese killed in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — Masked gunmen and pro-Iranian Lebanese militants with machine guns leaped out of a speeding car and assassinated a

The victim was identified as 40-year-old Tahseen Atrash, a senior member of the Baath party's command. He was shot in the low-income Moslem neighbourhood of Barbi.

Atrash's two unarmed companions in his blue Mercedes-Benz were unharmed. The assassins escaped from the scene in their car, the spokesman added.

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with a U.S.-cabinet-level official since he met U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in June.

Regan, who is in China to attend the second annual meeting of the U.S.-China joint economic committee, has dodged the Taiwan issue since his arrival, saying he is "not a politician."

Women splatter Pentagon with blood

WASHINGTON (UPI). — More than 2,000 jeering women, protesting that military power is a waste, marched on the Pentagon on Monday, splattering the building with blood and blocking entrances with their bodies and a spiderweb of woolen strands.

Blue-uniformed Federal police, some carrying thick batons, arrested 62 women, a Pentagon spokesman said. They were hauled to the Pentagon's motor pool area, fingerprinted and released for arraignment next month.

Three women who splattered

blood on pillars at the main entrance to the building, were charged with damaging government property and were taken to Federal Magistrates Court in nearby Alexandria, Virginia, the spokesman said.

No injuries were reported.

2 more deaths in Naples gang war

NAPLES (Reuters). — Underworld gang warfare in Naples claimed two more victims yesterday, bringing the death toll this year to over 200.

The killings bore the stamp of the Camorra, the Neapolitan equivalent of Sicily's Mafia, which is locked in an internecine power struggle for dwindling profits from protection, prostitution and narcotics.

Police named one of the victims as Antonino Musolino, 48, who was shot at point-blank range by two gunmen in his club in an impoverished quarter of central Naples.

The second man was not immediately identified, but police said he was murdered at Grumo Nevano, one of the sprawling suburbs where the battle has reached new levels of ferocity.

Maurizio Valenzi, 72, who was elected the first Communist mayor of Naples in 1975, resigned yesterday amid opposition charges that his administration failed to cope with the crime wars and the problems of housing and unemployment created by last November's earthquake.

Zambia out of TV film

LUSAKA (Reuters). — Zambia television has just three reels of unused film left and will restrict film coverage to presidential functions until the end of January, the official Zambia News Agency (ZANA) reported.

Sports

Lillee-Miandad duel in the sun

Post Sports Staff and Agencies

Bruce Yardley, West Australia's effervescent off-spinner, mopped up the Pakistan fail on Tuesday as Australia cruised to a 286-run victory in the first test at WACA Ground in Perth. But the interest generated by the cricket is negligible compared to that excited by the Lillee-Miandad duel in the sun.

The future of Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee may be decided at a meeting tonight. The Australian Cricket Board will hear an appeal lodged by test umpires Tony Crafter and Mel Johnson against the decision of the Australian players to fine Lillee 200 Australian dollars.

Lillee and Australian captain Greg Chappell have been summoned to attend the appeal which will be heard by Bob Marshall, the co-ordinator of the Cricket Sub-Committee of the Australian Cricket Board. Crafter and Johnson will also be at the hearing.

The umpires lodged their appeal yesterday after the Australian players had fined Lillee on Monday night for kicking Pakistani captain Javed Miandad during the fourth day's play in the first test at the WACA Ground on Monday.

The umpires have appealed because they believe that the fine is not compatible with the seriousness of the offence. Before the start of play on the final day of the test yesterday, 33-year-old Lillee said he would retire from cricket if he was suspended. "If I'm suspended that would be the end of my cricket career — I'll retire immediately," he said.

But, after he had learnt of the appeal, Lillee issued a brief statement through his manager, Austin Robertson, which read: "Having considered the situation I'll reconsider my future after tomorrow night's appeal."

Meanwhile, the ill-feeling between the sides continues to simmer. Miandad has refused to accept an apology by Lillee — there are murmurs that the Pakistani Cricket board does not want to punish Lillee — and the Australian players in their turn have demanded an apology from Miandad.

Lillee went into the Pakistani rooms yesterday morning and apologised to Miandad, the players and the management for retaliating in yesterday's incident. But Lillee said he did not accept the apology or shake hands with Lillee.

"Lillee was concentrating on one word — retaliation — when he apologised," said Miandad. He went on to say: "Everyone has seen everything on television — the Australians say it is my fault — but everyone can see that Lillee is guilty."

Greg Chappell is strongly supporting Lillee, and claims that the Pakistanis laid a trap for the fast bowler whom they know will devastate their batting if they do not get rid of him.

Connors may skip South Africa

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jimmy Connors said yesterday that he will "probably withdraw" from next week's \$300,000 South African Open tournament for "purely personal reasons." Connors has been threatened with being blacklisted by the UN Anti-Apartheid Committee if he plays in South Africa.

Earlier he had said that he was going because he had been "designated" to play in South Africa by the Professional Tennis Council, and failure to honour the designation might jeopardize his chance of playing in the Masters Championship in New York in January. (He is third in the Grand Prix standings after Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe.)

Shlomo Glickstein, already blacklisted, intends to play in South Africa.

Lakers lift Hollywood gloom

NEW YORK (AP). — After a rocky start, all looks well in Hollywood again. The Los Angeles Lakers won just one of their first four games, prompting reports of disension on the team, with coach Paul Westhead's job reportedly in jeopardy.

But that was last week's news. The Lakers, 6-4, are now red-hot with their 124-122 double overtime victory over the Indiana Pacers in Sunday night NBA action making it four straight wins and moving them within just one game of the Portland Trail Blazers in the Pacific Division. The four victories, coming in the space of five days, were by a total of eight points.

"It was a big, big weekend," Magic Johnson said. "We're getting it done offensively, and in the last couple of minutes, defensively. That's why we've come out with some big wins."

In the only other NBA game played today, the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Boston Celtics 116-103 in the Atlantic Division.

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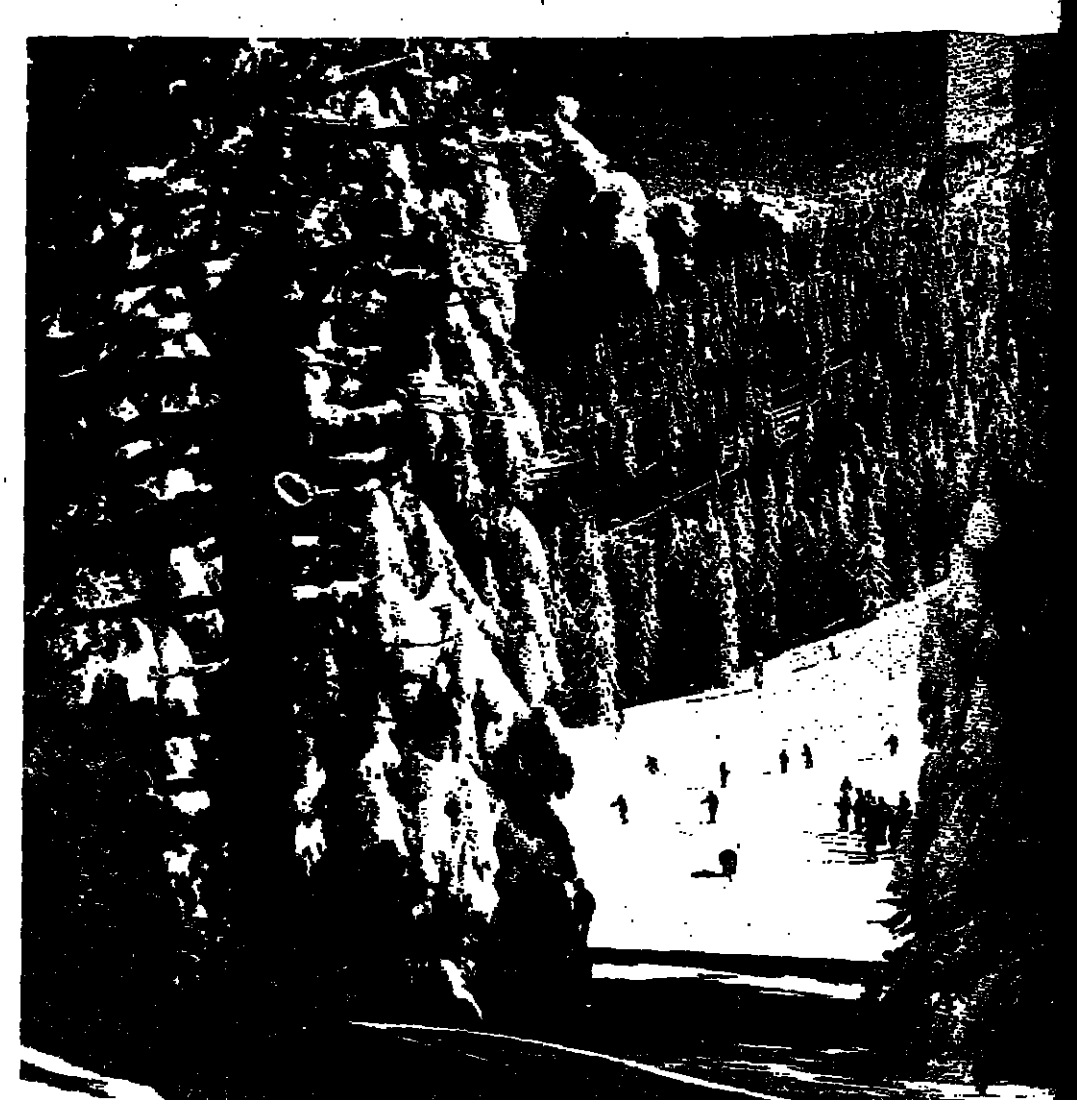


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Thus reads the introduction of an official Romanian tourism handout accompanied by numerous colour brochures, which tend to leave a visitor to Romania bewildered over where to choose to visit first.

"Lying in the fertile plain of the Danube, 60 km. north of the great European river and some 80 km. from the hills which herald

Richard Omay becomes romantic about Romania.

the peaks of the southern Carpathians, Bucharest has all the characteristics of a modern metropolis," says one of these brochures in a bid to persuade a visitor to spend some time in the Romanian capital.

But at the same time, dozens of other brochures tempt one to go up north where the countryside provides what is described as a "four season symphony." "A world for each and everyone," promises another handout.

Romania has been mounting an aggressive tourism campaign recently. Judging by facts and figures, it has been a stunningly successful offensive, claiming millions of tourists from East and West alike.

The Romanians had divided their Ministry

of Tourism into various departments, each focussing on the promotion of tourism from a different country. Even Israel, which provides only 30,000 out of the 64 million annual visitors, has its own department, with its immediate aim being to increase Israeli tourists to 35,000.

Israelis are offered an all-season vacation at a price no other country can compete with — although Romania may still have to go a little way to catch up with the kind of logistics other touristic countries provide visitors with between arrival and departure.

What the Romanians stress for Israelis are two things they do not have: the gorgeous landscapes of the Carpathians with their magnificent spas and winter resorts such as Poiana Brasov and Sinaia; and the country's mineral and thermal water springs, where sophisticated health resorts have been

blossoming against scenes of breath-taking natural beauty.

Otherwise, like all other visitors, Israelis are asked "to cross the geographical space" of Romania, "to get to know its history and culture and the country's soul."

The most striking impression one gets on taking this advice is that socially, politically and economically, Romania is a communist country whose heart is drifting westward.

The Romanians not only boast such facts as being the only communist nation to be open to the world or maintain relations with Israel and all countries including Chile (with the exception of South Africa) but they go as far as noting that they write the country's name with an "o" not a "u" to stress that they trace their ancestry and language to the Romans — or to the West.

For more obvious reasons, Romanians are usually reluctant to develop conversation in that direction. Even an escort such as the humorous linguist Calin Gheorghiu would rather refer you to statements by President Nicolae Ceausescu. "Come on, call me Collin — the Western way. Don't be formal," he

would say, during any discomfort political discussion.

Romanians take pains to emphasize image as an independent nation, history goes back to the Dacians who left the country in 300 B.C.E.

They boast of their civilization over the centuries. They ensure that you make a trip north to a 15th century castle of "ble" ruler — Dracula — whom an author, Bram Stoker, unjustly turned into a legendary vampire. "Blood-sucking Rubbish. Impaler? Yes he was, because piling, skinning and boiling were the of those days with the recurrent Turkish sions, Dracula was a gentle, brilliant wa

Whatever the argument between Romanians and Stoker, or for that matter producers of some 300 films that make story of Dracula one of the most horrors, there was neither the sound of howling nor the traces of any monster tall Brand castle.

Like the rest of the mountainous country, the site looked a perfect setting dream vacation.

MY WIFE and I have just returned from a two month vacation in some of the most expensive countries in the world. We did not spend one night in either a hotel or a bed and breakfast, and the vacation was among the least expensive and most instructive, enjoyable and comfortable we have ever spent. The secret was a combination of membership in an international organization for the exchange of home hospitality, and travelling by camper.

The two months were split evenly between Scandinavia — Denmark, Sweden and Norway — and Britain. For Israeli travellers who are shocked at the prices in Britain, it is psychologically recommended to do what we did: go to Scandinavia first. When you then come to Britain, prices will be a welcome relief.

In the past, our strategy for beating foreign costs of living was to try to live like the natives. In Sweden and Norway where the "natives" pay 10 times the Israeli price for a loaf of bread — not as good as our standard black bread — and buy a quarter of a cucumber wrapped in plastic or a single tomato at prices that support foreign, including Israeli, hot-house farmers in their enviable standards of living, that is not much of a strategy. Still, it beats staying at exorbitantly priced hotels and eating at restaurants which are mostly beyond the reach of even the well-paid Scandinavians themselves.

The answer for us, as noted, was an organization called Servas and doing it by a sleep-in and cook-in camper. Servas is one of a number of international organizations for the exchange of home hospitality for world travellers that have arisen in recent years to beat the high cost of touring. Its original and current main purpose is to foster international understanding at the grass roots level. It has about 6,000 members, spread over about 70 countries, with about 125 in Israel.

One can be either a Servas host or a traveller or both. Hosts commit themselves to putting up travelling members for two nights, with dinner and breakfast and, most important of all, conversation. It sounds good, but there is usually room for scepticism as to how such things work out in practice. We were first turned on by a member we met one evening in Jerusalem, who told us she had spent a month in Hungary

Hospitality unlimited

Yosef Goell shares bed and board touring in Scandinavia and the U.K.



Getting back to nature in Sweden, among the silver birches.

without staying at a hotel once. We later heard a similar story from other Israelis who have spent their time going from one Servas member to another in Japan, and in India.

After staying with 15 Servas families in Scandinavia and England, our initial scepticism turned into undiluted enthusiasm. The main thing that convinced us was the interesting selection of people who are members. Among those who accepted us warmly into their homes, and often brought in their friends to meet us were: the family of an unemployed naval architect in an outlying island of Denmark, who were managing beautifully with their six children in a converted farm house; a young couple, both bus drivers in a Stockholm suburb, who lived in a small but enchanting

turned into an enjoyable experience. It turned out that this was a condition he employed for weeding out undesirable spoiled visitors. When Miklos decided he liked us, he arranged to take us back to our parked camper by an outboard motor boat on the choppy waters of Little Loch Broom.

Given the "peace through contact and understanding" purpose of Servas, the membership is obviously not a perfect cross-section of the populations of the countries one visits. In our case, in Britain there was a preponderance of Quakers and of left-wing Labourites among our hosts. In Scandinavia, an over-representation of ban-the-bomb, return-to-nature, natural-food, bake-your-own-bread types. Israeli preconceptions tend to categorize such people as part of the large bloc of anti-Israel sentiment in the Western world. Our own experience put the lie to this prejudice. All the families who received us were profoundly interested in Israel and literally drained us dry staying up into the wee hours talking about Israel, Zionism, the Arab-Israel dispute and Judaism (since all our hosts were Christians, there was a very lively interest in things Jewish).

The experience, as nice as it is, can be exhausting. If one does it, in our case 25 nights as such guests out of 60, was just the right balance. The rest of the time we slept in our camper, in camps and in tourist or parking lots.

The arrangement for contacting hosts is that one obtains lists of all members in the countries one plans to visit from the local Servas coordinator in one's own country. The lists give names, addresses and phone numbers, number of guests that can be accommodated, the nature of the accommodation (from cozy guest rooms to sleeping in one's own sleeping bags and sheets on mattresses on the floor) languages spoken, occupations, hobbies and travel experience. Ideally one should write ahead, which we did in most cases, and get confirmation of an invitation. In the case of London, we relied on last minute phone calls and had no problem in lining up three hosts out of a much larger list on two days notice. For those interested, the coordinator of Servas is Benjamin Jermias, P.O.B. 163 Nahariya, Tel. (04) 920265, 923962.

THE DAY Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India met with President Nicolae Ceausescu on her way to the Cancun summit of rich and poor countries in Mexico three weeks ago, the Romanian foreign ministry was preoccupied with the country's flagging economy.

High on the government's agenda aimed at tackling Romania's enormous international debt is development of the tourism industry, which the country's fledgling Tourism Ministry has been actively promoting.

In contrast to many countries which aspire to become a mecca for tourists amid a competition with giants in that field such as Spain, Italy, France and Switzerland, Romania is a well-established old-timer, with an annual 6.5 million visitors.

This all is due to the Ministry of Tourism, which in its 10-year long existence has laid foundations for a thriving industry through careful planning.

The communist country has been opening its gates to the West;

Well trained

hotels, resorts and spas have been mushrooming — but first a fully qualified structure was reached.

The Romania Tourism Ministry set up a gigantic "Hotel and Tourism Training Centre" in Bucharest, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme.

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LET'S face it, it's cheaper for a Londoner to visit Jerusalem, than vice versa. With some "hutzpa," however, the latter can be done. You have to stick to one rule though: don't calculate your shekels into sterling with every payment. Just enjoy the sterling you have, forget the rest. And there is a lot in London to enjoy.

First, one has to get a room with breakfast. Although London is notorious for being one of the four most expensive cities in the world, we were still able to find B&B (bed and breakfast) for £13. Having accomplished this we set out to experience London.

Flea markets do exist in Israel, but ours can hardly compare in depth, scope and originality with the many such markets in London. Some of them, unfortunately, have lost their jolly Cockney atmosphere, being taken over by the growing number of "aliens" of British nationality, a truly diligent bunch of merchants, selling mostly kitsch. Still, Petticoat Lane, Portobello Road, Campton Lock, are a buyer's heaven, while Carnaby St. has deteriorated. My wife came home with such necessities as a lorgnette and a dubious Victorian medallion.

Shekel versus sterling

Werner Braun captures a slice of London.

Transport was a bit of a problem. Bus, which is a little cheaper than the underground, is complicated for a foreigner. The underground is easy, fast and efficient, but expensive (even after the recent price cuts). The weekly ticket for all transport costs a small fortune. The underground turned out to be doubly expensive for me, as I was very expertly pickpocketed of money, press cards, opera ticket and all. So we walked, mile upon mile.

I tramped to the Science Museum and did not regret it. Gangs of school children were eagerly scribbling down the facts of evolution, he beast or machinery. My weariness with the Museum syndrome evaporated instantly when I came to the natural science department. All

the facts of life, be babies, and all the qu sex, which you didn't your children, are here in word, picture models.

Outside, it was dark. But somehow this seem to make you we in the streets, one observe the American London. Nearly ha seemed to be Black although most of the British nationals. By noise, the high-powe the ear-phoned roll junk food of Wimpy donalds, all seem A

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TRIPS forge strange friendships. I thought, starting at the woman with whom I had been sharing my room and board. We were in a hotel called *La Bonne Auberge* at Ferrette, a colorful village of 700 people located deep in the heart of the Alsacian Jura, an hour's car ride from the French-Swiss border.

The night before we had wine and dined on a seven-course meal of game, Alsacian salads and tarts, exchanged jokes with a merry group of Austrians, members of an exclusive "Save the Frogs" brotherhood (the French love to cook them in every possible manner), and chatted with Jean Geny, the owner, a rubicund, amiable Alsacian whose smile became wider and warmer when he learned we were Israelis.

"We" were four women journalists, all in our thirties, with widely different tastes and personalities, brought together by the fifth group member, my room-mate, Air France's public relations representative in Israel. We had started the journey with misgivings; after all, journalists are not the easiest people to get along with and when circumstances throw one together for seven days, sharing room, table and thoughts, one is naturally apprehensive.

However, whether it was that the schedule was right, the leadership expert, or simply that it is impossible to have a bad time in Alsace, we all enjoyed ourselves enormously. The beauty of the scenery, the exquisite food we tasted everywhere, the people's genuine warmth towards foreigners and of course, the large variety of wines always within reach, made our trip to Alsace an experience to be relived.

Our tour was organized by Air France, now promoting visits to the French provinces in an effort to convince Israelis that "France is not only Paris." A recently opened line now directly connects Mulhouse, in the Alsace to Paris and Tel Aviv, Lyon and Nice, with tickets at \$378. To do as we did, land in Mulhouse, rent a large car, tour Alsace for a week and drive down to Paris, should not cost more than \$1,000 per person. If one knows where to go and what to choose, expenses can be cut down by at least 40 per cent.

Mulhouse shares its international airport with nearby Basel, in Switzerland, and the two passport-control guichets stand side by side. As soon as we had packed our new

En route in Alsace

Mary Hirschfeld tastes the good life in France.



Reflective moment at "La Petite France" in Strasbourg.

Peugeot 505 with the suitcases and bags, we set off to Strasbourg, the trip's first stop.

Established by the Romans almost 2,000 years ago as a military camp, Strasbourg has undergone successive foreign occupations, like the rest of Alsace. To this day, most Strasbourgers obviously dislike everything that is German, be it the language, habits or even the food. *Choucroute*, (shredded cabbage cooked with potatoes and several kinds of meat), the region's traditional dish, is edible only on this side of the border, they claim.

Today a thriving city of 400,000, Strasbourg is the seat of the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights, besides being the main university town of eastern France. It holds a world-famous international music festival in June, European sample fair in September and a *Christkindelsmarkt* (old Christmas market) in December.

One of its main attractions, however, is the 12th century, sandstone cathedral with its astronomical clock, an incredible work of mechanics which left us with our mouths agape. Constructed later, sometime in the 16th century, and renewed throughout the years, the clock consists of a central base divided into three parts, a side turret and a staircase; it indicates not only the time and date but also the religious feasts, and the movements of stars, the sun and moon.

No visit to Strasbourg is complete without a stroll through "La Petite France," its lovely Renaissance-old

quarter of narrow, winding streets and oiled windows. The whole area is a pedestrian mall where one can spend hours wandering from one little shop to another, tasting typical Alsacian delicacies such as *Kugelhopf* (a dry fruit cake), blackberry pies, and foie gras, of course. Ending up with lunch at the *Maison Kammerzell*, a centuries-old tannery now turned into a restaurant, where a princely lunch costs \$20.

Strangely enough, I learned, the city's 15,000 Jews have all but been forgotten by the *aliya* people. There is no Jewish Agency representative in town, nor youth movement emissaries. But Strasbourg has the largest synagogue in the region.

From Strasbourg we headed west, towards Alsace's best known tourist attraction, the "Route du Vin." A 120 km roadway which winds round the far side of the Vosges mountains, it is the wine country's main thoroughfare, running across 30,000 acres of vineyards and dozens of picturesque villages, unmarked by time, hemmed in by medieval walls complete with their gateways, bell-towers, ramparts and little churches.

Places such as Obernai, where every window had its many flower boxes bursting with petunias, pansies and geraniums. Oron, with its 12th century chapel; Barr, with its tiled streets and small tea-houses; Ribeauville, dominated by the ruins of three castles, Riquewihr, a medieval town so well preserved you can almost see the Duke of Montbéliard riding through its streets; or Kayserberg, known to

some as birthplace of Dr. Albert Schweitzer — they are all known to Israelis and tourists from elsewhere, too.

Ferrette, where we stopped for the night is an example. Dinner for five (a seven-course meal, remember with several bottles of fresh wine, two double rooms and a single, plus breakfast in the morning, cost under 900 francs (\$160).

Alsace also offers the "Route de la Carpe Frite," a colorful ride through the Alsacian Jura toward the Swiss border, with plenty of fishing and hunting during the season; the "Route Fleuriée," "Route des Forêts" and many others. (And the local tourist bureaux provide large bunches of maps for travellers.)

Mulhouse (whom the French call *Milou*), our next stop, reputedly grew from a fortification which a German knight built for his beloved. Its main attractions are the national railway museum, textile printing museum and "Le Tour d'Europe," a revolving restaurant atop the city's tallest building.

In between Strasbourg and Mulhouse lies Colmar, a pretty town of 70,000 people known as Alsace's Capital of Wine. During the Middle Ages, each house that contained a girl of marriageable age would have a sculptured heart set at house top, we were told.

Near Colmar we visited two wine cellars, one still family-owned and sporting old, oak barrels, the other was completely mechanized. There, we learned that Alsace has six white wines and a rose, all typical and easy to identify, and always in their typical green bottles, reserved for Alsace wines by law.

All good things must come to an end, so we left the Wine Road southwards, bound for Grenoble and Lyon, our final destination. French motorists are in a good state. There are plenty of *cafés* and small restaurants by the road-side and abundant signs marking all tourist attractions such as ruins, castles, villages and the like along the way.

Grenoble is one of France's best-loved ski resorts and the whole town was getting ready for the coming season. It also has a very old university, a dozen museums and countless lookout points with breathtaking views of the region.

Lyon is France's second largest city and has just gained a new attraction: the TGV, the ultra-rapid train which makes the 449 km trip to Paris in less than three hours. By the time we reached Lyon our hearts were already hungry for the sights of Alsace, its green hills and brooks, its autumnal trees.

Much of our enjoyment was due to Miki Goldenstein, Air France's p.r. representative, who organized the whole tour. Miki was our chaperone, troubleshooter, driver, bodyguard, interpreter, wine taster and whatnot — not performed with elegance and efficiency.

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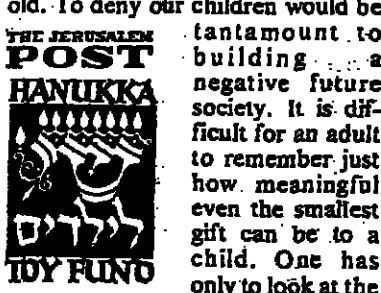
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We were not very gratified to learn this week that the October consumer price index had risen by 9 per cent. It only served to emphasize the limitations on our spending power when buying toys; and we can only guess at the extent to which our financial resources will be affected by the November index.

We hope that donors will bear this in mind when making out their cheques to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund, which, with yesterday's dona-

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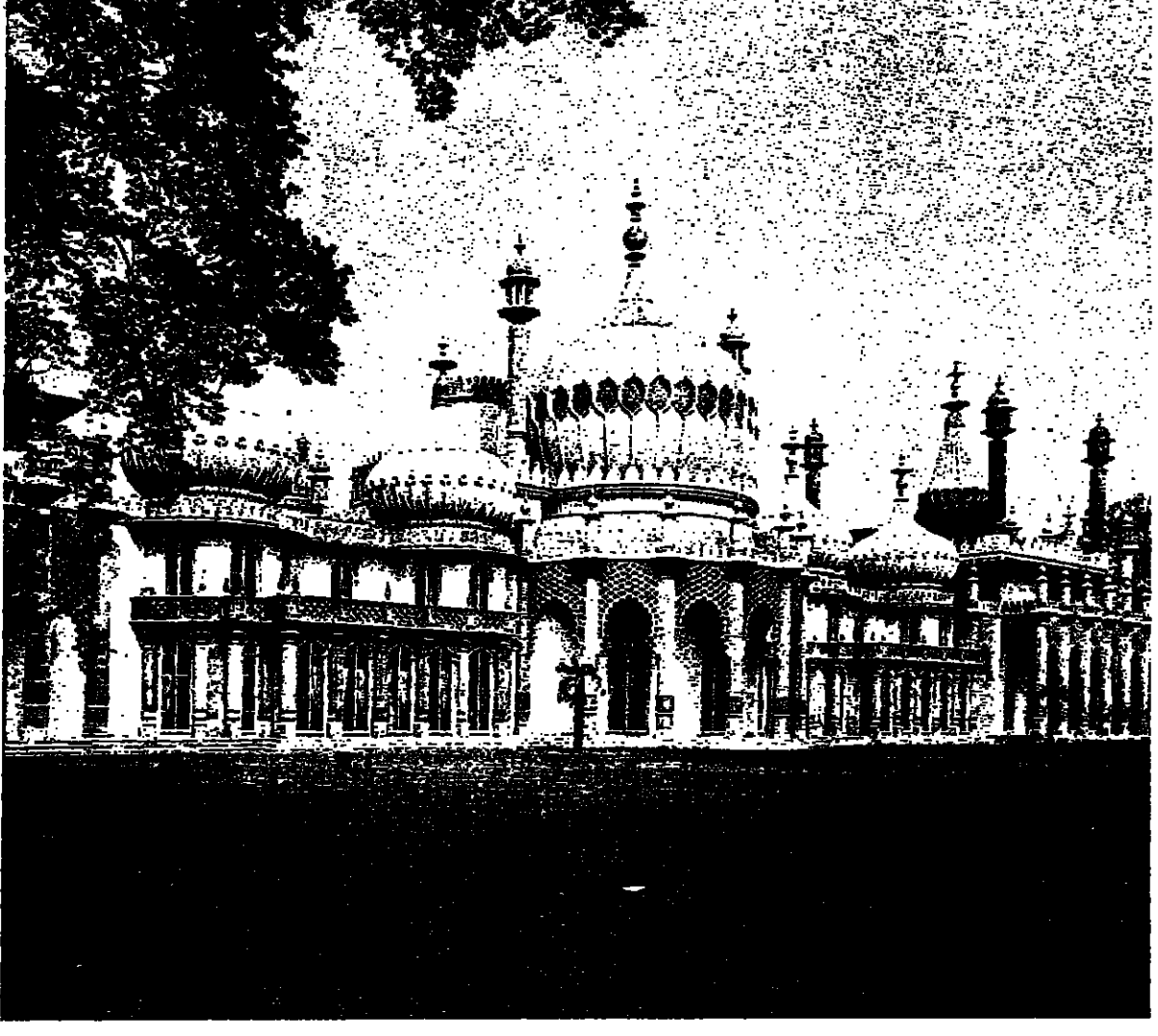
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Brighton story

Doreen Mishcon finds a historical feast in a southern English resort.



Exotic Indian-style domes and tracery of Brighton's Royal Pavilion, set against an English sky.

SPARKLING, breezy Brighton, a seaside resort on the south coast of England, known to many visitors because of its proximity to London (50 minutes by train from Victoria station) has a fascinating history. The Domesday Book records that in 1066, Bristelmestune, as it was called, paid an annual rent of 4,000 herrings, had a population of 90, and William the Conqueror's daughter lived here. It was known as Bryggeston in 1324, Brightampton in 1514, and Brightelmston for a century, from 1816.

An impoverished fishing village, the fishing folk lived in caves and hung out their lines to dry on the Old Steine, where the Royal Pavilion was later built. The old fishing port still has many picturesque old houses, with black flat roofs and bricked-up windows (to avoid paying 18th-century window taxes), and here are to be found the "twiters" or the well-known "lanes," which are a crossroads of narrow lanes and passages paved with tiny, red brick cobbles, famous for their antique shops.

It was in the part of Brighton, on a site where a brewery now stands, that weekly markets and annual fairs were held, with permission granted in 1313 by Edward II in a Royal Charter. It was at these markets that the infamous sale of wives took place. Thomas Hardy based his novel *The Mayor of Casterbridge* on an account in the *Sussex Weekly Advertiser* on November 9, 1790 of a fisherman who sold his wife for half a pint of gin. She was taken to the market with a halter around her neck. The following week, the newspaper recorded that she had been repurchased by the husband at an advanced price. (This could never have happened to a Jewish wife, who has always been protected by Halachic law.)

Elizabeth I visited the town in 1578 to determine the number of able mariners to fight against the Spaniards, and found them to be in excess of 400, and Charles II, escaped to France from here after the Battle of Worcester in 1651.

In 1750, a best-selling book by Dr. Richard Russell, of Lewes, made Brighton (and himself) famous. He told the fashionable world that a dip in the sea (at 4 a.m.) and a drink of hot sea water mixed with milk and cream of tartar, would work wonders in the cure of many diseases for young and old. Thus the first seaside resort in England came into being, and the exodus from London had begun.

Bathing machines were invented, and placed along the beaches to be hired by "Gents 6d" and "Ladies 9d." Professional "dippers" submerged the linen-clad patients in the sea, and they would sip their hot sea water in the Pump House, a quaint restaurant today.

Brighton's easy access from London enabled the 42 stage coaches that ran daily, including one called the Eclipse, which was owned by a Jew, to do the journey in 5 1/2 hours, in 10 stages. This allowed 1 1/2 minutes to change the horses, but the animals were made to gallop all the way, and it is recorded that in one week 15 horses died, and drivers broke three whips, until they were summoned for furious driving, and fined.

George, Prince of Wales, Prince Regent, later to become George IV, visited Brighton in 1783, aged 21. He was handsome, amorous, possessed of great taste, and a reckless zeal for the society of those who loved wit and style. He was devoted to all the arts. He was also a great spendthrift.

He loved the simple fishing village that had, in the past 30 years, acquired all the trappings of fashionable pleasure: ballrooms, gaming establishments, libraries, comfortable houses to rent, and lodging houses in which to stay.

He first rented a simple farmhouse, but then, for the rest of his life, he directed architects and designers in the unfolding of a fantastic but stately dream at the edge of the ocean, where the modest farm house was enlarged by Henry Holland in 1787, and transformed by John Nash, and the designers Frederick Crace and Robert Jones, by 1823, into an Eastern fantasy, the

different, breathtaking world: chinoiserie designs predominate, with Chinese artifacts from the Prince's collection. Everywhere there is an extraordinary accumulation of the most lavish furniture and furnishings in fairytale surroundings. The imitation bamboo, and black and gold lacquered furniture is typical of the period. Furniture made by Thomas Hope and George Smith was a major influence in the development of the Regency Style. French furniture, Egyptian and Indian motifs, and the lavish use of gold were all much loved by the Prince.

Dazzling crystal gasoliers, for the new invention of gas, were suspended from the ceilings of the sumptuous reception rooms in a fantastic variety of ways, and even the Great Kitchen is exotic. The Pavilion is open to the public every day, and there are good guided tours.

"Prinny," as he was known, through his powerful patronage over many years, stamped the town with the distinguished character reflected in its Regency squares and terraces, where there are still superb Regency houses, with their vanilla-coloured pillars, billowing facades, and delicate balconies.

The Prince fell in love with a young, twice widowed Catholic, Maria Fitzherbert, whom he secretly married in 1785. She had her own home, near the Pavilion, and they formed the pivot of the high life in Brighton for many years. Mrs. Fitzherbert died in Brighton in 1837, aged 80, and is buried in St. John's Roman Catholic church. The Prince, obliged by his enormous debts to do his duty, married a Royal wife, Princess Caroline of Brunswick, but they parted after four months, and their only child, a daughter, died in childbirth.

Brighton has never had a harbour, although it was the place to catch the steam packet to France. The old Chain Pier built in 1823 served as a landing stage. This has gone, and the West Pier still stands, but is closed. The Palace Pier is open, with its amusements, arcades, theatre, deck-chairs, and of course, Brighton Rock, jellied eels, mussels, and winkles.

With the coming of the railway in 1851, Victorian Brighton grew rapidly into the large city it is today. The new Brighton Marina is the largest in Europe, and whether you are a boating type or not, a visit there is a must.

The Tourist Centre, housed in a lovely old Adam house, built in 1786, called Marlborough House, is helpful in giving information.

Brighton is the conference centre of Britain, so if you are planning a visit, it is wise to reserve accommodation. Despite the plethora of hotels, boarding houses, furnished flats and rooms it has a year-round season, and is almost always full.

Brighton and Hove is a well established centre of English language schools and holiday courses. There are about 10,000 students studying at the Brighton Polytechnic, and nearby Sussex University. There is also a college of arts and crafts, and a teachers training college.

Jews have lived in Brighton since 1750. The first Jew, one Joseph Samuel, owned a jewellery shop, and ran a lodging house. Jews have played an active role in civic life, and had excellent relations with the authorities since their earliest days.

Many prominent families belonging to the Cousinhood have lived here, including the Sassoons, Montefiores, Mocattas, D'Avigdor Goldsmiths and Tammans.

Maria Bassevi, mother of Benjamin Disraeli, lived in Hove before her marriage to Isaac D'Israeli in 1802.

Today there are between 12,500 and 15,000 Jews, with five synagogues, and an active community. The cemetery was given to the Jewish community by Thomas Reed Kemp, a non-Jew who was a great benefactor, and after whom Kemp-town is named.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

Grecian yeams

Phyllis Glazer honeymoon in Crete.

HONEYMOON in Crete: a grand way to start a marriage. A fantastic island — just 1 1/2 hours from Tel Aviv.

The weather is similar to ours. The island when we arrived was filled with tourists from England, Germany, Israel, but one had the sense that they only contributed to the festive atmosphere. The Cretans themselves were warm and friendly. The same Greek music was heard everywhere, and everyone enjoyed dancing, everywhere.

Crete is a mountainous island, overflowing with olive and carob trees, rosemary, oregano, thyme and a wealth of other wild herbs. There are very few towns, just small villages. Our little hotel in the centre of Agios Nikolaos was filled with Israelis on their Desenhous charter, and we shared with them on several planned tours by the charter company, spending the rest of the time on our own.

Twice during our week, we rented scooters (no driving licence required) and headed up for the high-topped villages, picking carob (used in Crete for goat and cow feed), wild figs and berries on the way. The villagers, most of whom speak no English, were inquisitive. One woman we met hadn't heard of Israel, and only understood us when



Cretan urn stands against the backdrop of hills covered with olive and carob trees.

salad of coarsely cut cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, green pepper and parsley is served with olive oil and thick slabs (not chunks) of feta cheese, became our diet staple.

Tzaziki, a cucumber-in-yogurt salad, is light and refreshing. Meat eaters can delight in the lamb and pork, while fish aficionados can feast on the fish, shrimp, calamari and octopus. Vegetable dishes include zucchini or string beans in tomato sauce, lemon juice and olive oil. Dessert may be cake, melon, or watermelon and cheeses.

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'Buma' Shavit tells Manufacturers Association: Danger of chaos in labour relations

By MACABEE DEAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Undermining the power of the Histadrut — a process we now are witnessing — will lead to chaos in labour-management relations, Avraham "Buma" Shavit said yesterday. Shavit, who resigned as chairman of El Al last night (Story page 1), was bidding goodbye to economic reporters after winding up a six-year stint as president of the Manufacturers Association. He also introduced his successor, Eli Hurvitz, head of Teva Pharmaceuticals.

Shavit (who looked quite fresh despite all-night negotiations on reactivating El Al) made it plain that the Histadrut was not exactly his favourite organization, and that in the past he had had plenty of disputes with it.

"But once we came to an agreement, it was an agreement. The Histadrut honoured its signature. We had an address we could turn to."

But the situation today, he said, in a direct reference to the recent wild-cat strike at El Al, with the intervention of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and threats by the 13 large works committees, was leading to a total breakdown in labour relations. No one was in charge, yet everybody was in charge. The result was disaster.

"If the father and mother in a home abdicate their authority, the children will run wild in the street," he said.

Shavit went on to say that this "infection," this refusal to accept authority, was running rampant in all fields of Israeli life. "It started with drivers turning the roads into a jungle; it has penetrated every part of our economic and political life. Physical violence was bad enough; now we are witnessing the emergence of widespread verbal violence. Both are destroying our moral standards. We start conversations by pounding fists on the table. A man's word is no longer his bond; honouring a debt on time is becoming a rarity."

Hurvitz called on the media, especially the daily press, not to forget that it was their job to be educators, by presenting a balanced picture of what was happening. "I tell you that the public is sick and tired of a steady diet of scandals; there are plenty of nice things, even beautiful things, going on in the country. Tell the public about them. Show the lights and shadows of life here; don't sweep the dirt under the carpet, but also don't sweep sparkling events there. Be fair; be impartial."

Hurvitz noted that the El Al strikers were pulling down salaries which were often higher than those of directors-general. "It's strange

that in industry — where we have had few strikes — the workers know that if they make a bad product, the factory will be forced to close down. But the workers at El Al don't seem to realize that if they continue to produce a bad service, they will soon be without jobs. These El Al workers allow themselves to do anything they want."

Hurvitz also was not happy about the intervention of David Levy in the strike. "When the government begins settling strikes, it will soon begin dictating its decision in such matters. This is very dangerous." However, Hurvitz thought it was all right for political figures to express an opinion.

Turning to the industrial labour front, Hurvitz said that "seeing to it that the workers get wages which reflected a steady purchasing power" was an enormous job. Not only was the economy wracked by inflation, but inflation came in bursts, making it doubly hard to work out a fair salary.

Asked why the textile manufacturers had begun lobbying against the import of textiles at "dumping prices" instead of implementing the law in this case, Hurvitz pointed out that this law was virtually unworkable. This is so because the industrialists would have to prove a mass of facts — which the foreign exporter would never reveal, since it threatened his livelihood.



Kitan strikers protest worker dismissals outside the Knesset yesterday. "The poor of your home town take precedence over El Al," the legend on one poster chides Labour Minister David Levy, a resident of Beisan, where the Kitan textile plant is located. (Rahamim Israeli)

Patt gives up on textile plants

Post Knesset Reporter

Industry Minister Gideon Patt said yesterday that the government would not give aid to even one more textile plant seeking to open in a development town. And if a private investor opens such a plant nonetheless, he will get neither loans nor grants, Patt told the Knesset Labour Committee, which was discussing the imminent dismissal of workers in the textile industry.

The committee also received a delegation of employees from the Kitan factory in Beisan, who were earlier demonstrating outside the Knesset.

The demonstrators, several score in number, shouted "Bread and work." They chanted: "Where is David Levy?" "He went to El Al." "He gets American cigarettes and whisky there." "But he won't come to Kitan because we have no liquor."

The plenum, which debated a motion on the dismissal of 30 Kitan workers next week, the transfer of 46 workers to a Nazareth branch, and the plan to give job retraining to 70 more, referred the issue to the labour committee. This committee has been handling the problem of the declining textile industry for a number of sessions.

Funds diverted to wooing tourists

By HAIM SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Funds that were to have gone into the building of luxury hotels are to be directed towards attracting visitors to the hotels already in existence, the tourism ministry announced this week.

According to a ministry spokesman, there will be a freeze on government investment in four- and five-star hotels in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Eilat. The money will instead go towards publicity and marketing activities abroad. The decision was made by ministry director-general Rafael Farber, together with treasury officials. Another area that is to receive in-

creased funding is tourist attractions within the country. Among the planned projects are a cable car from Stella Maris to Bat Galim in Haifa, a "biblical town" at a site yet to be chosen, and an underwater park in Eilat.

The spokesman stressed that the decision would only affect new projects and that hotels which have already been approved, will receive the funding promised.

Florida businessmen size up the industrial scene here

By MACABEE DEAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Some products in Israel are excellent; some are good but too expensive; and some still have to be checked-out." This is how Alberto Barrocas, who is here as a member of the delegation organized by the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce (Florida region), summed up his impressions. The 18-member group was here on a two-week visit. It was headed by George Firestone, a high-ranking member of the Florida state government.

Barrocas himself manufactures casual footwear out of leather and imitation leather. His factory turns out 30,000 pairs a day, which are sold throughout the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico.

"For two years," he noted, "I've been buying thread from the Israel Processing Co., of Tavnat. Their thread is not only of the highest standard, but the price is competitive. Not only am I increasing my order, but I'm trying to persuade them to start making two other types of thread."

During his visit, Barrocas also examined the possibility of buying shoelaces, buckles and eyelets here. His findings: "We make shoe-laces cheaper in the U.S.; we import buckles at a lower price from Taiwan. As for the eyelets, I've not checked them out yet." But, he

notes, all three Israeli products may be of higher quality than those he is now buying, and this might make their price competitive.

Barrocas also considers manufacturing his line of goods in Israel, with a possible eye to exporting to the Common Market. But he is hesitant, feeling that the project might not prove profitable due to the high cost of bringing raw materials to Israel. "But if we eventually decide to manufacture in Israel, we have already put our eye on a plant which could work for us. It is the Jerusalem Shoe Co. and it is turning out very fine products."

Another group member, Marvin Goldman, who runs a large chain of drugstores in the U.S. South, is interested in buying cosmetics, candies, toiletries, and "even the Telkor blood pressure measuring machine" to put in his stores.

Sam B. Topf, president of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce, says that he has found two people interested in investing in Tel Aviv (solar energy) of Jerusalem.

"Everything about this trip was wonderful — it's my 50th — except for El Al," Topf said. "We didn't want to take El Al, but Avraham Shavit talked us into it. We're behind 'Buma,' and if he wants to close El Al down, we will understand. And when he reopens a new El Al, well, we're sure that he will be able to get our patronage without a lot of persuasion."

More fiberoptic cables to be made here

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Electro Wire & Cable Co. of Israel and Fibronics, owned by Elron as well as by American venture capitalist Fred Adler, plan to cooperate in manufacturing in Israel multi-channel fiberoptic cables for long-distance, high-speed telecommunications. At present Fibronics manufactures optical fibres and minicables.

Electric Wire & Cable will provide the fiberoptic cabling suitable for telephone and cable TV trunking, and interbuilding data communications. EWC is the leading wire and cable manufacturing company in Israel and is part of the Discount investment group.

Optical fibres assure the user of high-quality optical performance along with structural strength.

Telecommunications cables manufactured by EWC can be placed in air or ground environments.

American companies now hold the lead in the fiberoptic cable field. Industry analysts have projected billion dollar a year sales by the mid-1980s. A spokesman for EWC told *The Jerusalem Post* that the company has bid for a \$3m. project in Australia. He was also hopeful that EWC would shortly receive an order for one kilometre of fiberoptic cable from the Ministry of Communications.

MILLIONS FOR SCRAP. — Ten million shekels are being invested by Amnir, an affiliate of Hadera Paper Mills which collects scrap paper, to expand activities.

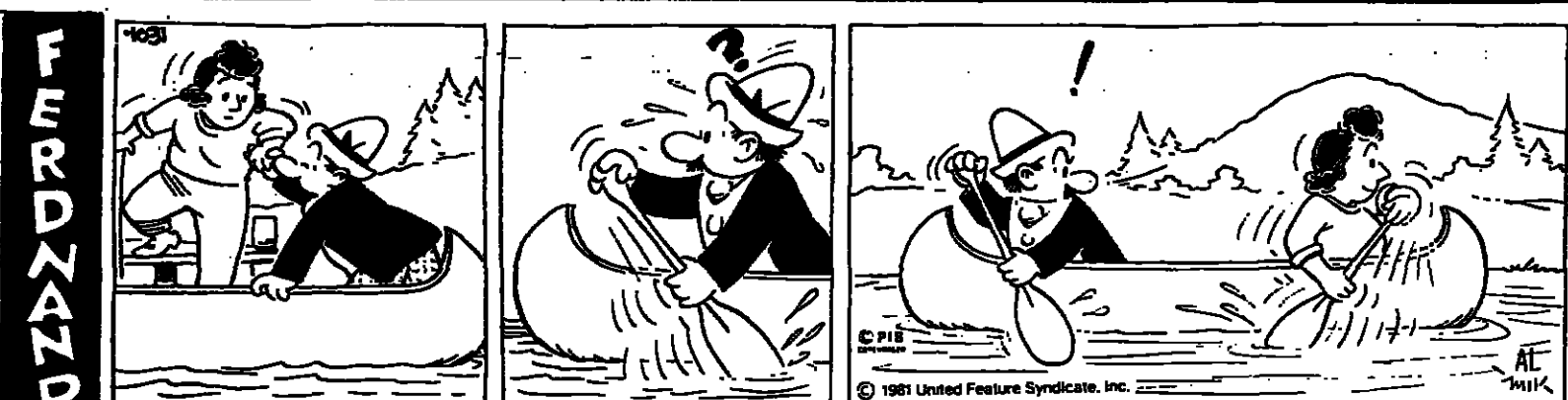
Eilat salt works threatens closure

EILAT (Itim). — The owners of the Eilat salt works, who export to Africa and the Far East via Eilat, have called on the authorities to reactivate the southern port. They say that they will soon be forced to shut the salt works since their warehouses at the port are overflowing.

Owing to the labour trouble in Eilat, Zim, which runs all Eilat lines, recently has been diverting its freighters through the Suez Canal to Ashdod.

The salt-works management claims that this has made exports too costly and that it will no longer be able to continue production under the circumstances.

Another area that is to receive in-



WHAT'S ON

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18.30 News roundup
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19.00 Agriculture Magazine
19.30 News
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20.30 Kahzur — documentary on the traditional, philosophical and hygienic aspects of kashrut

21.00 Mahat Newsweek
21.30 Moked
22.05 Notorious. Alfred Hitchcock's 1946 film starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman in a tense, well-acted espionage tale.
23.45 Almost Midnight
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ON THE AIR
First Programme
6.11 Musical Clock
7.07 (stereo): Rimsky-Korsakov: Russian Easter Festival, overture, Op.36. Bach: Prelude and Fugue in C Major (Gould); Kreisler: Capriccio (Shlomo Mintz); Casabon: Pavane and Variations (David Watkin, harp); Salnt-Sena: Oboe Sonata; Strauss: Die Fledermaus, overture
8.05 (stereo): Haydn: String Quartet in D Major, Op.33, No.4 (Lennon); Music: Sonnets for 8 Wind Instruments; Dvorak: 4 Songs in Folk character (Lucia Poppi); Chopin: Sonata No.2 in B-flat Minor, Op.35 (Daniel Barenboim); Tchaikovsky: Rocco Variations

(Christina Vavaleka, Gibson); Rimsky-Korsakov: Introduction and Act One of Cossack (Svetlanov)
10.05 (stereo): Schumann: Overture to Manfred by Byron (Barenboim, Chicago); Mozart: Music to Thomas, King of Egypt 12.05 (stereo): The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — Mozart: Horn Concerto No.4 in E-flat Major, K.495 (David Dorian, Abirah Har-Sor)
13.07 "707" — with Alex Ansky
8.05 IDF Morning Newsweek
9.30 Right Now — with Yehuda Ben-Ner
11.05 Golden Oldies
12.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yisraeli
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16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 IDF Evening Newsweek
18.05 Have a Good Time — culture and entertainment magazine
19.05 Music Magazine
20.05 Foreign Language Hit Parade
21.00 Mahat Newsweek
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
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23.05 Army and defence Magazine
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Army
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Midday Break — with Moshe Tumor
12.30 Hebrew songs
13.00 Midday — music, news commentary
14.10 In a Minor Tone
16.10 Press Conference — introduced by Yehuda Golan

(transcribed from organ by H. Philipps); Schubert: Albumblatt, Op.124
10.10 (stereo): Jazz
Second Programme
6.10 Morning Sounds
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Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS — 1. Waist, 2. Taste, 9. Marital, 10. Alloy, 11. Not up, 12. Plate, 13. Freeway, 15. Spa, 17. Lear, 18. Pa-n-a-h, 19. Bream, 20. CL-ens, 22. La-Ma, 24. Kin, 25. Revised, 26. Tiger (Bay), 27. Stays, 28. Repel, 29. Neither, 30. Fete-D, 31. Dyer's.
DOWN — 2. Al-hure, 3. Sm-OK-er, 4. Tay, 5. B-ill-y, 6. Tarnum, 7. Aloe, 8. Trumps, 12. P-air, 13. F-lick, 14. E-ate-N, 15. Si-las, 16. A-head, 18. Paper, 19. BR-ased, 21. Little (John), 22. Livery, 23. Meteor, 25. Rents, 26. Tyne, 28. Red.

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ACROSS — 1. Forest, 6. Slit, 9. Niblick, 10. Stage, 11. Cider, 12. Ended, 13. Moaning, 15. Ben, 17. Once, 18. Stride, 19. Wells, 20. Torpor, 22. Here, 24. Hun, 25. Strided, 26. Snake, 27. Fired, 28. Agree, 29. Respire, 30. Ogled, 31. Crave.
DOWN — 2. Action, 3. Engine, 4. Tie, 5. Scing, 6. Accepts, 7. Skid, 8. Dieted, 12. Enter, 13. Mouth, 14. Airm, 15. Biped, 16. Newel, 18. State, 19. Wounded, 21. Outing, 22. Hunger, 23. Repeat, 25. Skips, 26. Ser, 28. Arc.

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Prices drop sharply

Elron did not trade yesterday as the company announced its financial results. Reckoned in shekels, the company's six-month earnings stood at IS104.5m., compared with IS2.2m. a year ago. The net earnings per share were IS19.20, versus only IS0.70 a year ago.

Alliance Tire was a 10 per cent winner, but others were not so fortunate. Galil Industries was down 10.1 per cent, Lodzia lost 9.9 per cent, while Teva (r) slipped by 9.2 per cent.

Investment company issues were down by as much as 10 per cent.

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	price	ESL	in %
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	520.0	s.o.	+5.0
	5072.0	s.o.	-110.0
			-5.0
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	1919.0	s.o.	-101.0
	2080.0	s.o.	-108.0
	1355.0	1,076.0	-18.0
	1830.0	173.4	-20.0
	1850.0	4.2	-20.0
	1688.0	2.7	+90.0
	1705.0	50.9	+4.0
	1831.0	33.5	+20.0
	1886.0	8.0	+80.0
	1891.0	23.3	n.c.
	421.0	123.4	n.c.
	1450.0	95.9	+1.0
	41135.0	32.5	n.c.
	1555.0	28.9	+34.0
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3522		1185.0	n.c.
3526		1099.0	+1.0
Group 66, Yield:		+1.64	

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3550	823.7	+1
3551	778.8	+1
Group 70. Yield:		
3554	+1.72	
3557	709.0	n.c.
Gov't dble-optn linked	678.3	n.c.
2001	115.0	n.c.
2015	956.1	+1
2020		

Holland	Gulden	1
Switzerland	Franc	1

Bonds 15% linked to foreign currency		
5.5% Gov't 8026	—	—
6% Iar. Electric Corp. B	—	—
5% Dead Sea Works	—	—
Bonds 7% linked to foreign currency		
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Austria	Schilling	10
Italy	Lire	1000

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Westinghouse	30%	+ 1%
Woolworth	24	+ 3%
Gold Fix	17 1/2	+ 3%
Asa Ltd.	398.75	-5.60
Hammonds	45 1/2	+ 7%

Canada	Dollar	15%
France	Franc	16%

Interpharm	4%	5%
Eta Lavad	6%	—%
Elselint	19%	19%
Elron Pfd.	9%	10%
IDB Ord.	2%	3%
IDB Pfd.	21	21%
Laser Ind.	14	14%

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Riyadh vs Reagan

THE OFFICIAL word from Riyadh now confirms that Jerusalem's characterization of the Fahd Plan is much closer to the truth than Washington's.

For one full day this week there was some doubt on this score, due to a brilliant public-relations exercise by Saudi Arabia's acting permanent representative to the UN, Ja'afar Allaghani. In an interview with *The New York Times* on Sunday Mr. Allaghani described the Fahd Plan as the starting point for peace negotiations between Israel, the Arab states and the PLO. He said emphatically that the plan implied recognition of Israel and a desire to negotiate.

No sooner was this stated than it was categorically denied by the Saudi government. An official Saudi communiqué said Mr. Allaghani's views were "unintentional" and he himself had no standing. "The eight points of the plan," the communiqué added, "are clear and need no further interpretation."

Indeed they are, and they do. This must come as a shock to the U.S. government, and to some well-meaning persons in this country as well.

In the Knesset on Monday, shortly before the official word had come from Riyadh, MK Yossi Sarid derided attempts by some unnamed Israeli diplomats to downgrade the importance of the Allaghani interview. Had the Saudi envoy stated that his country had not intended to recognize Israel he would not have been portrayed here as an insignificant little official, commented Mr. Sarid, sarcastically.

If MK Sarid now has to eat his words, it is his own fault. Wishful thinking is a poor guide to political action.

This, however, is true for the Right as well as for the Left. The Fahd Plan is not what it is cracked up to be in official American eyes, but neither is it the complete monster that Israeli spokesmen have made of it. Herut's Moshe Arens, heading the bi-partisan Knesset delegation to Washington, was right in terming it, even if only momentarily, "a step in the right direction."

When comparing the eight-point plan, barren though it is of any profession of peace with Israel, with the traditional Saudi line as represented by a succession of Saudi delegates to the UN — Ahmad Shukeiry, for one, and then that clown-prince among ambassadors, Jamil Baroudy — then Mr. Arens' conclusion appears inescapable, and not at all the slip of the tongue it is supposed to have been.

The Fahd Plan represents an attempt to subvert the Camp David agreements — by outflanking them. This approach, while not acceptable, is at least a step forward from the notion of *jihad* against Israel. In fact the plan is dangerous precisely because it is "a step in the right direction" and because it does somehow, despite itself, exude an aura of peaceability.

That is why the Fahd Plan makes progress towards the completion of the Camp David programme — the establishment of an autonomy for the Arab inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and Gaza — especially urgent and pressing. Yet the latest position of the government is that, while it would be preferable to wind up the autonomy talks by April 25, this is by no means essential.

Failure to reach an agreement by that date would be no disaster. Mr. Begin is reported to have informed the cabinet on Sunday. Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, speaking to new recruits at the ministry the same day, went even further. Israel, he said, could live very well without an agreement on the establishment of the autonomy. In its absence the *status quo* would prevail for any length of foreseeable time.

This is plainly the official view, and it represents a total delusion. In the absence of an autonomy agreement after April 25, Egypt may still observe the peace treaty to the letter, but international pressure for an alternative Palestinian solution could become unbearable. And the Fahd Plan could form the basis for a world-wide consensus: instead of a five-year hiatus in which to work out an arrangement for the West Bank and Gaza, a prescription for wrenching these areas wholly, and immediately, from Israel's grasp.

The burden of shaping an autonomy agreement is, needless to say, not Israel's alone. But it is surely in Israel's national interest to make haste in reaching an agreement. To pretend that this is a matter of indifference to Israel, is nonsense.

Undermining the Histadrut

TRANSPORT MINISTER Haim Corfu should really not be angry with Deputy Premier David Levy for meddling in the El Al dispute. For one thing, Mr. Levy achieved nothing and solved nothing, as Buma Shavit's abrupt resignation yesterday demonstrated, and that alone could be Mr. Corfu's sweet revenge.

However, Mr. Corfu should take a broader view of the matter, for there is no doubt that Mr. Levy — regardless of his immediate motives in poaching upon Mr. Corfu's hunting ground — served a higher purpose that has always been central to Herut's philosophy and strategy: to undermine the Histadrut.

Mr. Levy has done nothing for El Al, or for El Al's workers. On the contrary, he has contributed substantially to torpedoing any prospect of putting the national airline back on its feet. He has, however, been quite successful in prying El Al's workers still further away from the Histadrut, whose authority over this group of rambunctious employees has long been about as effective as that of the International Labour Office.

If any proof was needed that the point of Mr. Levy's interference was not only to drive a wedge between a group of workers and the Histadrut, but also to point out the impotence of a General Federation of Workers that swears by national responsibility. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor promptly supplied it yesterday.

Picking up the hint from Mr. Levy, with whom he had for many years shared the leadership of the Herut faction in the Histadrut, Mr. Aridor met with the representatives of the famous 13 national works committees, to discuss their demands, over the head of the Histadrut. He must not doubt have remembered that only a week ago, the head of the Histadrut's Trades Union Division, Mr. Yisrael Kessar, denied the *Moked* television programme that he had ever met with this group of powerful works committees (which seems to be a half-truth) and stated that the Histadrut does not recognize the group as a body.

Mr. Aridor obviously picked up the cue — he recognizes the group of 13. For his purpose, which is to demonstrate that the Histadrut has no real power, he even has no need to give the 13 committees what they demand. In fact, he can even afford to turn them down. Nor is his message directed at the 13. They know that the Histadrut has little real power over them. The message is directed at the great mass of other wage earners and their works committees, and it says: forget the Histadrut — you have a godfather in the government and in the Likud. To this end the Aridor-Levy team is prepared to risk the anarchy in labour relations that would accompany any further weakening of the Histadrut.

For the time being, the Histadrut does not seem to have an effective answer to the Aridor-Levy tactics, and Mr. Meshel is unlikely to find it during his present trip to the U.S.

One possible answer to this attempt to undermine the Histadrut's authority might be to confront the works committees of these most affluent among wage earners with the choice of either staying in the Histadrut and accepting its authority, or being kicked out and left to the mercies of Messrs. Levy and Aridor.

So far, both the Histadrut and these works committees have tried to eat their cake and have it, too — to obtain, by fair means or foul, more than other wage earners can get, and at the same time to hang on to the Histadrut as a last-resort source of support. The Histadrut, on the other hand, has played the same game on the other side of the court.

Perhaps a more muscular course would also make it possible for the Histadrut to become a little more militant regarding the interests of really low-paid workers. It has shunned such militancy for fear it would lead to more exorbitant wage demands by the upper-income levels of wage earners — specifically, the group of 13 whom it does not recognize.

PREPARING FOR POWER

Labour talk about creation of a national unity government merely highlights the party's failure to construct effective leadership, writes YOSEF GOELL.

MAY 17, 1977, the day Menachem Begin and his party finally made it to power after 29 years in opposition, should have been a red-letter day for all those concerned with the development of Israel's democracy, regardless of which party they voted for. It was the day that Israel's democracy passed its conclusive test: the peaceful, orderly transfer of power as a result of the decision of the voters.

But progress usually lurches forward in fits and starts. The record of the past four and a half years provides incontrovertible and delectable evidence of the manner in which the Likud's constituent parties wasted their 29 years in opposition by failing to prepare for the day when they would finally grasp the reins of power. Four years later, they have still not learned how to govern with even a modicum of effectiveness.

The recent artificial flurry over Labour overtures to Begin concerning the possibility of a "government of national unity" is an indication that Labour itself has made the same mistakes as the Likud: it has failed to take advantage of its period in opposition to prepare internally for a return to power.

IF THE LIKUD has not yet learned how to govern, Labour has not yet made its peace with the necessity of fulfilling its functions as the opposition in a parliamentary system and of using that period to prepare for the next electoral confrontation. For that is the name of the game in a parliamentary democracy.

The interesting thing about the latest flirtation with the idea of a "government of national unity" is

that those arch-rivals for the leadership of Labour — chairman Shimon Peres and challenger Yitzhak Rabin — seem to have made common cause. The latest flurry was set off by an article at the weekend by Rabin in favour of such an attempt.

It is understandable that a former prime minister like Rabin and a would-be prime minister like Peres should be chafing at the unaccustomed frustrations of being out of power. Apparently, the frustrations are so great that the two are prepared to stand on the same side of the fence for tactical reasons.

But there is nothing in the exercise for the Labour Party; nothing for Begin and his government; and above all, nothing for the nation.

The main purpose of forming a government of national unity during a period of emergency is to suspend the critical functions of the opposition for the duration of the emergency, when a premium should legitimately be placed on decisive and concerted action by the country's executive leadership.

A SUSPENSION of criticism is the last thing our political system needs at present. Moreover, there is a danger of crying wolf once too often in regard to the very concept of what constitutes a national emergency — and one that could justify such a suspension. Israel has lived in a state of permanent crisis since its inception in 1948 and for more than a decade before that.

Given the innate instability of the region, there is every reason to believe that this permanent crisis will be with us for at least several generations more.

IT IS THE TASK of our national leadership to accustom us to living with that permanent crisis. Such an educational function on the part of political leaders requires, among other qualities, a level-headed resistance to exaggerating the actual nature of the emergencies the country faces; and a squelching of the habitual tendency to overreact to what are relatively normal aspects of that prolonged crisis.

The very likely prospect of a turn for the worse in our relations with a U.S. administration, hell bent — for its own misguided reasons — on fawning to the Saudis, and the obvious inability of the Begin government to deal with inflation and economic stagnation are serious problems in themselves. Calling for a government of national unity to deal with them is a very human, but also a very misguided, attempt to evade the issues themselves.

Israelis of every political persuasion should hope that the Begin government eventually proves able to deal with these and other problems for the good of the country. The response to the possible dashing of such hopes should be the holding of early elections and, hopefully, the installation of a government that is able to tackle our critical problems more effectively.

That is expressed in a purposely vague fashion because at present the evidence is that the Labour opposition would not provide a more effective government if given the chance. Which is one of the reasons Peres and Labour will, in all likelihood, not be given that chance in the immediate future.

Israel's only experience with a

Dry Bones



government of national unity has little to recommend it. The co-opting of Begin and Dayan to the Eshkol government on the eve of the Six Day War in 1967 was a response to an orchestrated public hysteria; it made no difference to the conduct of the war or to its dramatic results.

The appointment of Dayan as minister of defence did indeed have an electrifying effect on the morale of the troops at the front, but it would be stretching the English language to make the same claim for Begin's appointment as minister without portfolio.

Actually, the main reason that Israeli governments have been unable to govern with even a minimum of effectiveness for most of the past decade has been the magnification of the inherent weakness of coalition governments. The inclusion of Labour ministers in an already unwieldy cabinet would be a turn for the worse rather than for the better.

The personal motivations of Peres and Rabin should be obvious. So should those of the NRP's Zevulun Hammer, who wants much time as possible to rebuild the NRP before the next elections.

Establishing such a government, however, is the worst possible thing that could befall Labour, which has already wasted the four months since its electoral defeat by failing to come to grips with the most urgent problem it should be confronting: choosing a new team that could lead the party to victory and that could provide the country with a few ways out of the dilemmas that have been bedeviling it for years.

Changing leadership is an unpleasant and difficult task. But there is no alternative. And it can be done only when the party is in opposition, which is the best argument in favour of its remaining there, at least until it gets the job done.

The author is a Post staff writer.

READERS' LETTERS

INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — In your edition of November 6, you printed a report in connection with the Hitachdut Olei Britannia. This item in fact referred to the British Olim Society, which is a totally different organization.

The British Olim Society's main task is the integration of immigrants from the U.K., Australia and New Zealand, and, as such, also represents their Zionist Federations. The British Olim Society is responsible for all aspects of integration from the moment the immigrant arrives at Ben Gurion Airport onwards. The Hitachdut Olei Britannia, on

the other hand, is concerned solely with the social integration of the immigrant, in close cooperation with our office.

Further, the report as printed requires one other amendment. Our Hafa office is not being closed, but will continue to provide immigrant services to those in the immediate area. We have opened an office in Carmiel as part of our programme for providing services for the resettlement of the Galilee.

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CAROL FROHLICH, Director,
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